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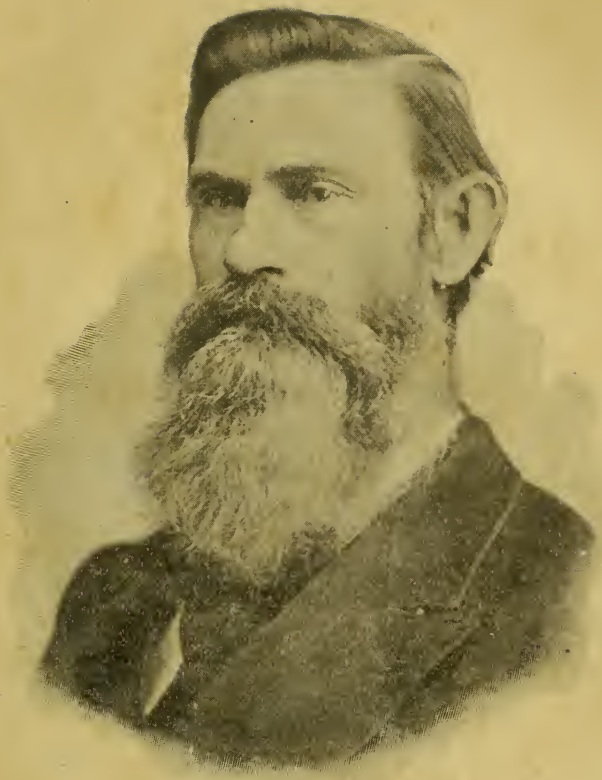

J. A. W. THOMAS,

Born in Marlboro County, December 31, 1822.

Died August 2, 1896.

He preached to the Baptist churches in Marlboro County.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

Baptist Denomination in South Carolina,

HELD WITH THE

Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C.,

DECEMBER 2-6, 1896.

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Next Meeting.

Place—Rock Hill. *Time*—Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1897, at 7.30 P. M. Convention Sermon—D. M. Ramsey; alternate, M. M. Riley.

Executive Board.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

Charles Manly, President; C. H. Judson, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; W. W. Keys, W. C. Lindsay, N. N. Burton, G. B. Moore, E. L. Wilkins, C. T. Scaife, O. L. Martin, J. H. Boldridge, J. D. Pitts.

Board of Ministerial Education.

Location—Greenville, S. C.

D. W. Key, President; Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., Treasurer; C. S. Gardner, W. L. Richards, Zimmerman Davis, E. T. Atkinson, J. D. Huggins, J. A. Brown, D. N. Wilburn, A. T. Jamison, B. J. Woodward, F. C. Hickson.

Standing Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. A. Wright, I. W. Wingo, E. A. McDowell, F. P. Covington, W. W. Johns.

HOME MISSIONS—C. S. Gardner, J. C. Browne, J. W. Kenney, T. V. Walsh, B. J. Woodward.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—B. P. Robertson, V. I. Masters, J. W. Blanton, Edmund Wells, Edwin Harper.

EDUCATION—W. C. McCall, J. R. Mack, A. P. Taylor, H. S. Hartzog, I. W. Wingo.

OBITUARIES—J. W. Perry, Chairman; C. P. Ervin, J. A. Brown, E. E. Bomar, W. W. Leathers, F. C. Hickson, W. G. Wells, H. C. Bucholz, E. J. Kennedy, J. T. Hiers, F. M. Droze, G. W. Bussey, H. K. Ezell, T. J. Rooke, H. T. Cook, D. H. Jordan, Evans Hall, J. B. Bozeman, J. A. Bell, R. P. Galphin, Joel I. Allen, L. T. Weldon, J. W. Blanton, J. B. Parrott, G. P. White, H. H. Watkins, J. O. Gough, Fred. Jones, W. D. Moorer, J. E. Covington, C. E. Robinson, W. B. Crosby, John T. Prince, C. L. Dowell, H. E. Johnson.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2d, 1896.

The State Convention of the Baptists in South Carolina met in the Citadel Square Baptist church in the city of Charleston, S. C., Wednesday, December 2d, 1896, at 8 P. M.

The President, R. W. Sanders, called the Convention to order, and the congregation united in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

R. W. Sanders led in prayer. The congregation sung, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." C. S. Gardner read I John, chapter 1, and led in prayer. The hymn, "Come thou, almighty King," was sung, after which C. S. Gardner preached the Convention sermon from I John 1:1–3—"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

D. M. Ramsey led in prayer. The Convention sung, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."

The delegates from the Associations were then enrolled as appended, and the Convention proceeded to the election of officers.

R. W. Sanders declined re-election, and, on motion of C. C. Brown, the Secretary cast the vote of the Convention for J. H. Hudson as President.

The retiring President, R. W. Sanders, after appropriate remarks, gave up the gavel to the President-elect, J. H. Hudson, who accepted it in a pleasant address, and, after

thanking the Convention for the honor conferred on him, resumed the order of business. A ballot was taken for Vice Presidents, Edwin Harper, J. J. Lawton and G. A. Wright acting as tellers, and resulted in the election of Charles Manly and James McIntosh.

On motion of J. D. Huggins, W. D. Rice cast the vote of the Convention for G. T. Gresham as Secretary and C. P. Ervin as Assistant Secretary.

By order of the Convention, the Secretary cast the vote for C. H. Judson as Treasurer.

On motion of D. M. Ramsey, a Committee on Order of Business was appointed, viz.: J. W. Perry, F. P. Covington, W. W. Keys, T. T. Hyde, A. B. Stallworth.

Charles Manly moved that the Convention meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. and adjourn at 2:30 P. M. Meet at 7:30 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure. The motion prevailed.

On motion of C. Manly, the time from 9:30 to 10 A. M. to-morrow will be spent in devotional exercises.

On motion of E. J. Forrester, G. T. Gresham was re-elected Statistical Secretary at the usual compensation.

The President then welcomed the following visiting brethren to seats in the Convention, viz: R. G. Seymour, Bible Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society; F. W. Boatwright, President of Richmond College; R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; T. P. Bell, editor of the Christian Index; W. T. Hundley, of Gainesville, Fla.; J. J. Darlington, of Washington, D. C.

On motion of C. C. Brown, the Committee on Order of Business was instructed to set apart one-half hour of Thursday morning's session to hear R. G. Seymour in the interests of the Bible work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Committee on Order of Business made the following partial report:

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9.30–10.00—Devotional Exercises.
10.00—Address of Welcome.
10.30—Report of Executive Board.
11.00—Report on Orphanage.
12.00—Report on Ministerial Education.

12.30—Address by R. G. Seymour, of the American Baptist Publication Society.

1.00 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

1.30 P. M.—Report of Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College.

C. S. Gardner moved that the Convention recede from business at 7 : 30 P. M. Friday to hear an address by B. L. Whitman, President of Columbian University, in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the Citadel Square Baptist church. It was so ordered.

On motion of J. D. Huggins, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 : 30 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3d, 1896.

The President called the Convention to order at 9 : 30 A. M. H. C. Bucholz conducted the devotional exercises. The hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," was sung. A. C. Wilkins led in prayer. Matt. 11 : 28–30 was read. W. J. Langston led in prayer. The Convention united in singing, "When peace, like a river, attendeth my way." Brief testimony to the rest which Christ gives his followers was given by Wm. Roach, J. D. Huggins, J. B. Parrott, I. W. Wingo and A. B. Woodruff. The hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul," was sung, and C. P. Ervin closed the exercises with prayer. The minutes of Wednesday evening's session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Lucius Cuthbert, the Convention accepted the cordial invitation of H. E. Shepherd, President of the College of Charleston, to visit the Museum of that institution.

On motion of C. S. Gardner, a committee, consisting of Lucius Cuthbert, James McIntosh and M. M. Riley, was appointed by the President to set the time for visiting the Museum. Lucius Cuthbert reported that the time for that visit had been set for 4–6 P. M. this afternoon.

D. M. Ramsey, on behalf of the Baptists of Charleston, gave the Convention a hearty welcome, and then introduced

J. A. Smyth, Mayor, who welcomed the Convention on behalf of the citizens of the "City by the Sea." Charles Manly, at the request of the President, responded for the Convention.

The News and Courier, through D. M. Ramsey, invited the Convention to visit their offices and inspect their presses while in operation, and the invitation was accepted for Saturday afternoon.

The Baptists of the city tendered the Convention an excursion across the Bar. It was accepted and the time fixed for 1 P. M. Saturday.

On motion of Lucius Cuthbert, the invitation of the Mayor to visit the City Hall was accepted.

F. J. Paxon, representative of the American Baptist Publication Society, and J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, were welcomed to seats in the Convention.

T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, read the report of the Executive Board of the Convention, including Treasurer's report, and the report of the Bible and Colportage work.

On motion of F. C. Hickson, the report was referred to two committees, viz. :

1. A Committee on the Present and Future of the Board, consisting of W. J. Langston, D. W. Key, W. T. Derieux, W. H. Lyles and Edwin Harper.

2. A Committee on the Past of the Board, consisting of F. C. Hickson, T. P. Lide, B. J. Woodward, F. P. Covington and J. A. Brown.

J. L. Vass, Superintendent, read the report of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, including the Treasurer's report, and on motion of W. W. Keys it was referred to the following committee : C. S. Gardner, J. D. Pitts, Rufus Ford, T. R. Corr and H. C. Bucholz.

The President of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage reported, through E. J. Forrester, from the minutes of the Board the resolutions hereinbelow appended to report of special committee thereon.

On motion of H. R. Moseley, the resolutions were referred to a committee of one from each Association represented in

this meeting, to be selected by its delegation ; said committee to suggest, in addition, such changes in the rules regulating the actions of the Board of Trustees as may seem best to it, and to nominate the Superintendent of the Orphanage and the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year.

On motion, a recess of five minutes was taken to allow each delegation to select its member of the above committee.

The following compose that committee :

Abbeville, F. M. Allen ; Aiken, E. E. Bomar ; Barnwell, W. D. Rice ; Broad River, F. C. Hickson ; Charleston, D. M. Ramsey ; Chester, J. H. Yarborough ; Chesterfield, Robert Tucker ; Colleton, R. S. Williams ; Edgefield, L. F. Dorn ; Edisto, R. T. Dorrity ; Fairfield, C. P. Wray ; Florence, F. P. Covington ; Greenville, C. S. Gardner ; Moriah, J. B. Bozeman ; Orangeburg, R. P. Galphin ; Pee Dee, Joel I. Allen ; Reedy River, W. H. Hunt ; Ridge, R. B. Watson ; Saluda, O. L. Martin ; Santee, C. C. Brown ; Savannah River, Fred. Jones ; Southeast, W. D. Moorer ; Spartanburg, J. H. Montgomery ; Union County, W. B. Crosby ; Welsh Neck, J. J. Lawton ; York, H. R. Moseley ; Laurens, J. B. Parrott.

The hour for the special order having come, R. G. Seymour, Bible Secretary, addressed the Convention in the interest of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The report of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, including the Treasurer's report, was read by C. C. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, and, on motion, referred to a committee of five, viz : J. A. Brown, J. T. E. Thornhill, E. T. Atkinson, L. F. Dorn and J. E. Herring.

D. W. Key read report of Board of Ministerial Education, including Treasurer's report, and it was referred to a committee consisting of I. W. Wingo, J. W. Blanton, W. L. Hayes, V. I. Masters and J. W. Kenney.

On motion of M. M. Riley, a communication from D. J. Jenkins, concerning the colored Orphanage in the city of Charleston, was referred to a committee consisting of A. B. Woodruff, M. M. Riley and H. R. Moseley, with instructions to report to a future session of this Convention.

The President announced the following committees to report to this Convention :

On Preaching—D. M. Ramsey, Lucius Cuthbert, Edmund Wells, T. T. Hyde, G. B. Buell.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting and Person to Preach—C. L. Dowell, F. C. Hickson, T. P. Lide, Jabez Ferris, G. W. Bussey.

On Nomination of Executive Board—R. W. Sanders, A. C. Wilkins, W. H. Lyles, J. D. Huggins, J. H. Montgomery.

On Nomination of Board of Ministerial Education—J. W. Perry, I. W. Wingo, W. T. Derieux, Fred. Jones, J. L. Ouzts.

On Nomination of Delegates to the American Baptist Education Society—H. R. Moseley, W. E. Thayer, D. T. Smith, J. S. Croxton, A. T. Jamison.

A. E. Dickinson, editor of the Religious Herald, was welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

J. W. Perry, for the Committee on Order of Business, made the following report for this evening's session:

1. Report on Sunday Schools.
2. Report on Foreign Missions. Addresses by H. R. Moseley, J. M. Frost and R. J. Willingham, to be followed by a free discussion of Foreign Missions.

On motion of D. M. Ramsey the hour for assembling was changed from 9:30 to 10 A. M.

On motion of Rufus Ford, the Convention adjourned with prayer by J. W. Perry to meet at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Convention to order at 7:30 o'clock. G. A. Wright led the Convention in singing, "Come thou fount of every blessing." J. D. Pitts led in prayer.

The report on Sunday schools was read by O. L. Martin. Its adoption was moved, and after discussion by J. M. Frost it was adopted as appended.

C. P. Ervin read the report on Foreign Missions. Its adoption was moved by Charles Manly. The Convention sung, "I gave my life for thee." The report was discussed by H. R. Moseley and R. J. Willingham, and adopted as appended.

On motion of J. W. Perry, C. L. Dowell read the report of Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies. Its adoption was moved, and, after discussion by Charles Manly, Rufus Ford, J. D. Huggins and C. L. Dowell, it was adopted, as elsewhere recorded.

W. T. Derieux offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to try to raise the $12,000 asked from South Carolina for this Conventional year to carry on our Foreign Mission work and to pay off the debt of the Board.

After remarks by W. T. Derieux, Wm. Haynsworth, Lewis Campbell, Wm. Roach and R. J. Willingham, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The President read a cordial invitation from A. Coward, Superintendent of the South Carolina Military Academy, to the Convention to visit that institution to-morrow, Friday, from 4 to 6 P. M., or Saturday from 10 to 11.30 A. M. On motion, the invitation was accepted.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report for Friday :

10.00-10.30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises to be led by W. T. Derieux.
10.30-11.00 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
11.00-12.30 P. M.—Report of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College.
12.30-1.00—Report of Committee on Report of Board of Aged Ministers' Relief.
1.00-1.45—Report of Committee on Report of Board of Ministerial Education.
1.45—Report of Committee on Report of Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30—Address by B. L. Whitman, President of Columbian University, in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the Citadel Square Baptist Church, to be followed by an address by F. H. Kerfoot, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and report of Committee on H. R. Moseley's resolutions with reference to the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President :

On Foreign Missions—G. A. Wright, I. W. Wingo, E. A. McDowell, F. P. Covington, W. W. Johns.

On Home Missions—C. S. Gardner, J. C. Browne, J. W. Kenney, T. V. Walsh, B. J. Woodward.

On Sunday Schools—B. P. Robertson, V. I. Masters, J. W. Blanton, Edmund Wells, Edwin Harper.

On Obituaries—J. W. Perry, Chairman; C. P. Ervin, J. A. Brown, E. E. Bomar, W. W. Leathers, F. C. Hickson, W. G. Wells, H. C. Bucholz, E. J. Kennedy, J. T. Hiers, F. M. Droze, G. W. Bussey, H. K. Ezell, T. J. Rooke, H. T. Cook, D. H. Jordan, Evans Hall, J. B. Bozeman, J. A. Bell, R. P. Galphin, Joel I. Allen, L. T. Weldon, J. W. Blanton, J. B. Parrott,

G. P. White, H. H. Watkins, J. O. Gough, Fred Jones, W. D. Moorer, J. E. Covington, C. E. Robinson, W. B. Crosby, John T. Prince, C. L. Dowell, H. E. Johnson.

On motion, the Convention adjourned with prayer by T. R. Corr.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 4th, 1896.

The Convention was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. W. T. Derieux conducted the devotional exercises. The hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing," was sung. T. P. Bell led in prayer. "Oh, for a closer walk with God," was sung. J. L. Ouzts led in prayer. The Convention then united in singing, "Saviour, visit thy plantation." W. T. Derieux read Matt. 11:28, and, after brief comments thereon, closed the exercises with prayer.

The Convention then proceeded to business. The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The President welcomed President B. L. Whitman, of Columbian University, and Prof. F. H. Kerfoot, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to seats in the Convention.

H. H. Watkins read the Report of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College. R. J. Williams moved its adoption, and it was discussed by M. M. Riley, R. N. Pratt, Charles Manly, F. W. Boatwright, President of Richmond College, and J. H. Hudson.

The hour for the next order having arrived, on motion of H. R. Moseley, it was discharged to continue the consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees. After further remarks by H. R. Moseley and others, the report was adopted under call, by W. H. Lyles, for the previous question, as elsewhere recorded.

On motion of R. W. Sanders, the Order of Business was discharged for ten minutes, to consider resolutions offered by H. R. Moseley relative to Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College.

J. W. Blanton moved that the resolutions be referred to a committee of five, to report to some future session of this Convention.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced as that committee, E. E. Bomar, J. W. Blanton, W. H. Lyles, M. M. Riley and J. D. Pitts.

The regular order being called, J. A. Brown read the report on the Report of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, and, after address by C. C. Brown, it was adopted as follows:

Your committee find that there has been a gratifying progress during the last two years in the work of this Board, both in its receipts from individuals and churches, and in the number of worthy preachers, or their widows, it has been enabled to aid. Every year it is appealing to the sympathies and support of a larger number of the brethren and sisters throughout the State.

But we are sure that, with the multitudes of our people, this work does not yet have the attention it deserves, and the contributions received fall far short of the needs of those whom this Board was established to aid. We urge, therefore, with great earnestness, that our pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and Christian workers elsewhere in the State, bring the claims of this Board to the attention of the churches and Sunday schools. If this is done there is every reason to believe that there will come to the Board's treasury sufficient means for all its needs.

In conclusion, we commend the Board for the untiring energy displayed by it, and we are confident that it is careful as to the amount of its donations, and in determining whether the applicants for aid are worthy.

Respectfully submitted. J. A. BROWN, for Com.

At 1:45 P. M. the report on Report of Board of Ministerial Education was read by I. W. Wingo. On motion, it was adopted, after discussion by I. W. Wingo, D. W. Key and E. J. Forrester, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Ministerial Education are deeply impressed with some facts brought out in that report:

First—$75 was the largest sum given last year to any ministerial student at Furman University or the Theological Seminary.

Second—25 students in the two institutions mentioned above are looking to this Board for help. Some ask for very little; none ask for very much; and the Board, the report states, is even more cautious than it was last year (when $75 was the largest sum given to any student), and extends aid to none but those who are in absolute need of help.

The third fact is marvelous in view of facts one and two. The Board is now in debt to the extent of $227, which debt absolutely forbids any aid being extended to any other ministerial student, either at Furman University or the Theological Seminary, no difference how worthy said student may be.

Further—This great debt(?) of $227 bearing down on the broad shoulders (and not on the hearts) of 90,000 Baptists, makes it necessary, unless some reserve force comes to the rescue, that, in a short time, some of the 25 must go unaided.

No wonder the fourth fact comes to light in the shape of a recommendation, viz: That the Theological Seminary be allowed to make her own appeals and collect her own money in South Carolina.

The conclusion of the whole matter is, that unless the magnitude, and wisdom, and Godlikeness of this work can be laid upon the consciences of the Baptists of South Carolina, this Board of Ministerial Education is going to be side-tracked; and about the next recommendation they bring up to this Convention will be to abolish this method of work and try something else.

Respectfully submitted. I. W. WINGO, for Com.

D. M. Ramsey announced the appointments for services on Sunday.

On motion, the Convention adjourned with the benediction by Wm. Haynsworth until 7 : 30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30 P. M.

R. J. Williams presented to the Convention a gavel made of olive wood and cherry, from the Holy Land. F. H. Kerfoot made the presentation speech, and J. H. Hudson, on behalf of the Convention, accepted the gavel in a brief address.

After the address of B. L. Whitman in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the Citadel Square Baptist church, the Convention was called to order by the President.

F. H. Kerfoot spoke in the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and took a collection for the students' fund of that institution for 1896–'97, amounting, in cash and pledges, to $1,012.26.

The Committee on Order of Business made its final report, as follows:

SATURDAY MORNING.

10.00-10.30—Devotional exercises.
10.30-11.00—Miscellaneous business.
11.00-12.00—Home Missions.
12.00-12.45—Report of Committee to consider Report of Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.
12.45- 1.00—Report of Committee to consider Report of President of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

SATURDAY EVENING.

7.30- 8.00—Miscellaneous business.
8.00- 8.15—Report of Committee on Past Work of Board of State Missions.
8.15- 8.30—Report of Committee on Future Work of same Board.

SUNDAY.

4.00 P. M.—Report on Obituaries and Memorial Exercises.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 10 A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 5th, 1896.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises led by J. S. McLemore. "Rock of ages, cleft for me," was sung. D. W. Key led in prayer. "Jesus, lover of my soul," was sung. John 17:21 was read and commented on. Lucius Cuthbert led in prayer. After remarks by J. D. Huggins, Rufus Ford and R. J. Willingham, the exercises closed with the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The President called the Convention to order, and, under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the following business was transacted:

The minutes of Friday morning's session were read and approved.

R. W. Sanders submitted the report of Committee to Nominate Executive Board, and it was adopted as follows:

Executive Board: Location—Greenville, S. C. Charles Manly, President; C. H. Judson, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; W. W. Keys, W. C. Lindsay, N. N. Burton, G. B. Moore, E. L. Wilkins, C. T. Scaife, O. L. Martin, J. H. Boldridge, J. D. Pitts.

W. C. McCall moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the program of business of this Convention be so amended as to provide for a Standing Committee on Education, and that such committee be appointed at this session of the Convention.

After discussion by J. D. Huggins, W. C. McCall, H. H. Watkins, W. D. Rice, D. W. Key, R. W. Sanders, I. W. Wingo and C. T. Scaife, it was adopted, and the following committee appointed: W. C. McCall, J. R. Mack, A. P. Taylor, H. S. Hartzog, I. W. Wingo.

W. J. Langston moved the adoption of the following resolutions with reference to the York Baptist High School property, and, after discussion by the mover, it was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That a committee of three be appointed by this Convention to consult with the Executive Board of the Trustees of the York Baptist High School, at Yorkville, with reference to the interests of that institution.

2. That this committee meet at Yorkville at their earliest possible opportunity and take under consideration all the matters pertaining to said school, and, if possible, in connection with the Executive Board of the Trustees arrange for the reopening of the school.

3. That the committee report their conclusions to the denomination through The Baptist Courier.

The President appointed as that committee, H. P. McGee, A. B. Stallworth and W. T. Derieux.

On motion of D. W. Key, the special order was discharged for fifteen minutes, that he might present the claims of the Students' Fund of Furman University. He then offered the following:

Resolved, That we suggest to the churches that $600 be raised this year for aiding ministerial students at Furman University.

The resolution was adopted, and a collection of $240 in cash and pledges was taken for that Fund, with other indefinite pledges.

W. J. Langston read the report on Home Missions for J. W. Perry. W. C. McCall moved its adoption, and after brief remarks by R. W. Sanders, it was adopted as appended.

The committee on H. R. Moseley's resolutions made its report. The resolutions are :

Resolved, That hereafter the Board of Trustees of Furman University and the Greenville Female College be elected by ballot on the floor of the Convention.

2d. That the Trustees be divided into groups of five each, the entire number to be elected the first year, but five for five years, five for four, &c., thus making five vacancies each year thereafter.

3d. That at least one-half of the Board shall be selected from old students of Furman University.

The committee on above resolutions reported as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by H. R. Moseley, in reference to the government of Furman University and the Greenville Female College, beg leave to report :

First. That they are in entire sympathy with the aim and intention of the resolutions.

Second. That this Convention recommend that the present Board of Trustees see to it that the Charter be amended, in accordance with the resolution, to-wit : "So that the Trustees be divided into groups of five, to be elected by the Convention for terms of five years, four years, three years, two years and one year, so that five trustees shall be elected every year ; and that said Trustees be elected by ballot from the floor of the Convention."

Third. That in our opinion, while the best men shall always be sought for as the first thing, still, other things being equal, it will be a fortunate circumstance if two-thirds of the new Board of Trustees shall be old students of the University.

Respectfully submitted. E. E. BOMAR, Chm'n.

On motion of W. C. McCall, the report was adopted.

The report on Report of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage was submitted by H. C. Bucholz, and, on motion, adopted as follows :

It is gratifying to learn from the Fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage of the splendid prosperity which has attended the institution during the year. This prosperity is especially noticeable in that, while all the needs of the children have been amply supplied, the year has closed without debt, showing the Orphanage to be in an excellent financial condition. The report indicates that the work has grown upon the people and has found a place in their hearts.

In view of the importance of this work, and that it might have a continuance of prosperity, your committee would make the following suggestions to the pastors and churches of the State :

First. That the Sunday schools set aside one Sunday of each month in which to take up a regular collection for this work.

Second. That annual Thanksgiving or Christmas offerings be made to the Orphanage in all the churches of the State.

Third. That the individual support and clothing department be emphasized by the pastors and people as the best solution for the permanent growth of the work.

Fourth. That as many of our people as possible be encouraged to visit Greenwood, that they may see for themselves the character of the work which is being done, and thus become personally interested.

Fifth. That we heartily approve of the erection of a new building for the purpose of establishing a "Farmers' Home" for the larger boys.

Sixth. That we urge the establishment, as soon as practicable, of a technological department, for the training of the boys and girls in the trades and practical duties of life.

Seventh. That the churches raise this year at least ten thousand dollars for the work at Greenwood.

Respectfully submitted. H. C. BUCHOLZ, for Com.

The special committee on Communication from President of Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage made its report.

The recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage, and of the President of that Board, are as follows:

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

By order of the Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, I transmit you a resolution declining to recommend a Superintendent and leaving the selection to your wise discretion, hoping and believing that your action will be for the best good of the Orphanage.

I also invite your careful attention to the enclosed report of Secretary and Auditor.

I would respectfully suggest that the rules for government of Orphanage be revised or more definitely defined, as the present President has regarded the duties of himself and the Board of Trustees as honorary and advisory, and left the management almost entirely to the Superintendent. I would specially recommend the re-election of both the Local and State Board of Trustees.

I would especially suggest that the high aim of the Orphanage should not be to increase the number of inmates but to improve the facilities for better educating and preparing the children for the different trades and professions.

Respectfully submitted. J. C. MAXWELL, Pres.

(Extracts from the Minutes of the meeting held at Connie Maxwell Orphanage October 27th, 1896.)

On motion of Bro. Atkinson, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That there being a difference of opinion amongst the members of the Board, all being present, as to whether it is to the best interest of the Orphanage to continue Bro. Vass in the office of Superintendent, the Board makes no recommendation to the Convention.

On motion of Bro. Lyles, the resolution in regard to the re-election of Superintendent Vass was ordered transmitted to the next Convention. Motion adopted.

I hereby certify that the above are correct abstracts from the minutes of the meeting held at Connie Maxwell Orphanage October 27th, 1896, by the full Board of Trustees.

W. L. DURST, Sec. and Auditor.

The committee submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and the President of that Board, respectfully submit the following as their report:

I. We find, after as thorough an investigation as we could make, that there is nothing which reflects on Bro. Vass, as a man, a gentleman and a minister of the gospel.

II. We recommend that this Convention re-elect Bro. J. L. Vass Superintendent of the Orphanage until the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in July, 1897, at which time the Board of Trustees shall elect a Superintendent, who may or may not be the present incumbent.

III. We further recommend, that a Board of Trustees for the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, consisting of fifteen (15) members, be elected by this Convention, as follows, to-wit: Five (5) of them for the period of one (1) year, or until the next meeting of this Convention; five (5) for two (2) years, and five for three (3) years. And the Trustees so elected, shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. That, at each subsequent annual meeting of this Convention, there shall be an election for five (5) members of this Board, to serve for the period of three (3) years, the members serving at the time being eligible for re-election. That this Board shall be capable of doing or transacting all the business and concerns of the Orphanage, but more particularly of electing the Superintendent, and of any other general officer or special agent of said institution, and of fixing their salaries, of removing them for neglect, misconduct or other cause, and, in general, of framing and enacting all such ordinances and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as shall appear to them necessary for the good government of the said institution.

That the Superintendent shall have the authority to employ and discharge such subordinates as he may deem necessary in conducting the internal affairs of the Orphanage.

That all rules and by-laws conflicting with this recommendation be annulled.

IV. We nominate the following named brethren to serve as Trustees, as follows:

For three (3) years, J. C. Maxwell, S. B. Ezell, H. H. Watkins, F. O. S. Curtis, L. T. Carroll.

For two (2) years, J. B. Parrott, D. N. Wilburn, W. M. Graham, C. B. Edwards, G. B. Buell.

For one (1) year, E. E. Bomar, G. W. Bussey, C. P. Ervin, R. B. Watson, C. S. Gardner.

Respectfully submitted. DAVID M. RAMSEY, Chm'n.
W. H. HUNT, Sec'y.

The report was unanimously adopted. The Convention united in singing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and W. D. Rice led in prayer.

On motion of G. T. Gresham, Miscellaneous Business was taken up.

A. B. Woodruff read report of Committee on Communication from D. J. Jenkins, superintendent of the Colored Orphanage in the city of Charleston, as follows:

The committee charged with the duty of reading and reporting on a certain communication addressed to this Convention, beg leave to report as follows:

We have read said communication, and find it a letter signed by D. J. Jenkins, in which he sets forth the fact that he is a colored Baptist preacher in this city, and that in addition to his duties as a minister he is teaching a school of small colored children.

He furthermore states that he is the founder of a colored orphanage, and has upon his hands a number of these helpless orphan children who are dependent upon him for clothing, food and instruction. He asks that we remember him in our prayers, both here and at home, and that we take up a small collection to aid him in this work, which he thinks God has committed into his hands. The letter is respectfully written, and we commend the subject to the prayerful consideration of the Convention.

Respectfully presented and signed by the committee.

A. B. WOODRUFF.
H. R. MOSELEY.
M. M. RILEY.

The report was adopted, and a cash collection of $15.66 taken up for that institution.

On motion of C. C. Brown, T. M. Bailey, Treasurer, made a report of the Baptist Ministers' Mutual Benefit Association of South Carolina. After remarks by C. C. Brown, on motion of D. M. Ramsey, the report was referred to a committee consisting of D. W. Key, W. C. Lindsay and J. D. Pitts.

H. R. Moseley submitted report on Nomination of Delegates to the American Baptist Education Society, and it was adopted, as follows: D. M. Ramsey, A. J. S. Thomas, W.

C. McCall, E. J. Forrester, J. J. Lawton, R. B. Watson, R. N. Pratt, W. H. Lyles, J. H. Hudson, J. H. Boldridge, H. T. Cook.

The President read a communication from the National Anti-Saloon Association, and, on motion of J. E. Herring, it was received as information, and W. J. Talbert and W. H. Lyles were appointed delegates to the Convention to be held in the city of Washington, December 8th to 10th.

A communication from the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Charleston was read, extending an invitation to the Convention to visit its rooms, and, on motion of Charles Manly, the invitation was acknowledged with thanks.

J. L. Ouzts read report of Committee on Nomination of Board of Ministerial Education. On motion of F. C. Hickson, it was recommitted, with instructions not to put members of other Boards on that Board.

Committee on Time and Place and Person to Preach, reported, and the report was adopted as follows :

Place—Rock Hill. Time—Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in December, 1897, at 7.30 P. M. Preacher—D. M. Ramsey ; alternate—M. M. Riley. C. L. DOWELL, Chairman.

Secretary read and corrected Roll of Delegates, as elsewhere recorded.

W. C. McCall offered resolution of thanks, which was adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are herein expressed to the Citadel Square Baptist church, and to the other brethren and citizens of Charleston, for the generous and hospitable entertainment given to it, and to the railroads and steamboat companies for their kindness shown in various ways ; also to the newspapers for their full and fair reports of the proceedings, and to all other organizations expressing appreciation of our presence in the city.

At one P. M., on motion of T. M. Bailey, the Convention adjourned with prayer by H. R. Moseley.

The pleasant afternoon was spent in the enjoyment of the excursion around Charleston harbor, given to delegates and visitors to the Convention by the Baptists of Charleston.

EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Convention to order at 8 o'clock. The hymn, "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus," was sung. B. P. Robertson led in prayer.

On motion of E. J. Forrester, the regular order was discharged for fifteen minutes to attend to miscellaneous business. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of E. J. Forrester, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be published and distributed by the Secretary, and that the Statistical Secretary be paid $50 for his services, and that the Secretary draw on the Treasurer of the State Mission Board, of the Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, of the Board of Ministerial Education, of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, and of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College, for funds to meet the expenses of the same, prorating the amount among the Boards according to reported receipts for the year.

R. W. Sanders offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all collections made on the floor of the Convention shall pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of E. J. Forrester, the Secretary was instructed to have the minutes of the Ministers' Conference printed with the minutes of this Convention.

J. L. Ouzts submitted the revised report of the Committee to Nominate Board of Ministerial Education, and it was adopted as follows:

Location—Greenville, S. C. D. W. Key, President; Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., Treasurer; C. S. Gardner, W. L. Richards, Zimmerman Davis, E. T. Atkinson, J. D. Huggins, J. A. Brown, D. N. Wilburn, A. T. Jamison, B. J. Woodward and F. C. Hickson.

F. C. Hickson submitted the report on Past Work of the Executive Board, and it was adopted, as follows:

The report of the work of the Board and its missionaries is most cheering and eminently praiseworthy, except in two particulars. One of these unpraiseworthy features, is the matter of the debt of the Board. We feel that it becomes the Board to be exceedingly careful not to go beyond its probable income in its appropriations. We present this, not by way of adverse criticism, but as a kindly suggestion.

We would also suggest that it would be agreeable to the friends of the work, if the annual report of the Board stated the field of labor of each missionary and the amount of his salary.

Respectfully submitted. F. C. HICKSON, Chm'n.

W. J. Langston read the report on the Present and Future Work of the Executive Board. Its adoption was moved. E. R. Roberts, missionary of the Board among the colored people, and O. L. Martin spoke to the report. The hymn, "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus," was sung. Further remarks were made by C. S. Gardner, L. E. Campbell and T. M. Bailey, and a collection of $111.78 was taken in cash and pledges to assist in building the Summerville Baptist church. The report was then adopted as follows :

Your committee on Report of Executive Board, Present and Future, beg leave to submit the following :

1. As to the present status of the work. Here are some things to encourage us. (1) The work of this year as compared with that of last year. While there has been a falling off in some respects, there has been an increase in the number of conversions, baptisms, and in the total additions to our mission churches and in the amounts raised on our mission fields. (2) While we deplore the fact that we are still in debt to our missionaries, yet we are encouraged by the fact that the debt has been reduced. This, however, is due to decrease in appropriations instead of increase in contributions.

2. As to the future of the Board. We would recommend, (1) That due consideration be given to the recommendations of the report with reference to the Sunday schools uniting in the support of Colporters, and that, wherever practicable, such work be done. (2) That the work begun among the colored people be pushed, and that our white brethren be active in sustaining the institutes for the pastors and deacons of the colored churches. This work is appreciated by them and is mutually helpful. (3) That the pastors throughout the State present the different departments of our State work in detail to the consideration of our people ; because it is chiefly through the pastors that the people can be reached and the importance of the work duly impressed upon them. (4) We would recommend that the work be not projected on an enlarged basis until our debt is liquidated or, at least, reduced within safe limits.

Respectfully submitted. W. J. LANGSTON, Chm'n.

The Committee on Report of Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Mutual Benefit Association made the following report :

Your committee have examined this report, and find the items fully vouched for. It is desirable that our pastors and many of our laymen

join the Society, so that the sums paid to the widows of deceased ministers may be increased. We most heartily commend this work

D. W. KEY.
W. C. LINDSAY.
J. D. PITTS.

On motion of C. C. Brown, J. W. Perry was made permanent chairman of Committee on Obituaries, after remarks by D. M. Ramsey and I. W. Wingo.

The Convention then adjourned, with prayer by C. C. Brown, to meet at 4 P. M. Sunday.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 6th, 1896.

The President called the Convention to order at 4 o'clock. The hymn, "O, God, our help in ages past," was sung. J. D. Pitts read 1 Cor. 15 : 19, 20, and led in prayer.

C. T. Scaife read the report on Obituaries, as elsewhere recorded, and its adoption was moved.

Addresses were made by I. W. Wingo and J. W. Perry, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until after services to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

After the interesting exercises in honor of the Fortieth Anniversary of the dedication of the Citadel Square Baptist church, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The minutes of Saturday evening's and Sunday afternoon's sessions were read and confirmed.

J. L. Vass moved to adjourn. The President made a short parting address. The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung ; the parting hand was given ; J. L. Ouzts led in prayer, and the Convention adjourned to meet on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in December, 1897, with the Rock Hill Baptist church.

J. H. HUDSON, President.

G. T. GRESHAM, Secretary.

C. P. ERVIN, Assistant Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Citadel Square church—11 A. M., R. J. Willingham; 8 P. M., F. H. Kerfoot.

First Presbyterian church—11 A. M., C. S. Gardner; 7.30 P. M., O. L. Martin.

Second Presbyterian church—11 A. M., W. T. Derieux.

Westminster Presbyterian church—11 A. M., J. W. Perry; 4 P. M., E. J. Forrester.

First Baptist church—11 A. M., Charles Manly; 4 P. M., E. E. Bomar.

Trinity Methodist church—11 A. M., W. R. Richardson, the pastor; 7.30 P. M., C. C. Brown.

Bethel Methodist church—11 A. M., J. G. Williams; 7.30 P. M., A. C. Wilkins.

Spring Street Methodist church—11 A. M., J. D. Pitts; 7.30 P. M., J. D. Huggins.

Cumberland Methodist church—11 A. M., W. C. McCall; 7.30 P. M., B. P. Robertson.

Cannon Street Baptist church—11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., H. C. Bucholz.

Mariners' church—7.30 P. M., C. L. Dowell.

Orphans' Chapel—4 P. M., J. L. Vass.

Morris Street Baptist church—11 A. M., W. D. Rice; 7.30 P. M., J. F. Morrall.

Circular church—11 A. M., R. N. Pratt.

Mission of Citadel Square Baptist church—7.30 P. M., M. W. Gordon.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Abbeville—8.
Durst, W. L.
Allen, F. M.
Lipscomb, E. M.
Vass, J. L.
Curtis, F. O. S.
McGee, H. P.
Brown, J. A.
Forrester, E. J.

Aiken—1.
Bomar, E. E.

Barnwell—5.
Rice, W. D.
Ervin, C. P.
Lide, T. P.
Huggins, J. D.
Haynsworth, Wm.

Beaverdam—

Broad River—1.
Hickson, F. C.

Charleston—13.
Ramsey, David M.
Gresham, G. T.
Wells, Edmund.
Snider, Wm. J.
Cuthbert, Lucius.
Hyde, T. T.
Buell, G. B.
Thornhill, J. T. E.
Gregory, P. Edwin.
Appleby, F. V.
Roach, Wm.
Pittman, A. McA.
McAlhany, D. L.

Chester—4.
Gordon, M. W.
Bucholz, H. C.
Yarborough, J. H.
Atkinson, E. T.

Chesterfield—1.
Tucker, Robert.

Colleton—1.
Williams, R. S.

Dorchester—

Edgefield—3.
Bussey, G. W.
Morgan, J. C.
Dorn, L. F.

Edisto—1.
Dorrity, R. T.

Fairfield—7.
Quattlebaum, B. J.
Ferris, Jabez.
Lyles, W. H.
Lindsay, W. C.
Bookhart, S. W.
Wray, C. P.
McDowell, E. A.

Florence—2.
Sanders, R. W.
Covington, F. P.

Greenville—17.
Keys, W. W
Smith, D. T.
Posey, T. H.
Allison, R. B.
Gardner, C. S.
Cuttino, D. S.
Manly, C.
Key, D. W.
Bailey, T. M.
Riley, M. M.
McMillan, W. R.
Wilkins, A. C.
Pratt, R. N.
McLemore, J. S.
Watson, W. F.
Cook, H. T.
Townes, A. S.

Lake Swamp—

Laurens—

Lexington—

Moriah—3.
Croxton, John S.
Bozeman, J. B
Elliott, R. B.

North Greenville—

Orangeburg—4.
Galphin, R. P.
McCall, W. C.
Foreman, B. M.
Mack, S. H.

Pee Dee—6.
Hudson, J. H.
Ford, Rufus.
Allen, Joel I.
Douglas, R. A.
Easterling, E. P.
Hayes, W. L.

Piedmont—

Reedy River—12.
Pitts, J. D.
Parrott, J. B.
Wright, G. A.
Leavell, J. R.
Blanton, J. W.
Johnson, J. E.
Corley, B. F.
McIntosh, James.
Littlejohn, J. T.
Hunt, W. H.
Smith, I. M.
Rankin, M. W.

Ridge—5.
Thayer, W. E.
Corr, T. R.
Watson, R. B.
Towell, J. B.
Ridgell, E. C.

Saluda—7.
Williams, R. J.
Latimer, J. R.
Masters, V. I.
Martin, O. L.
Watkins, H. H.
Stephens, A. S.
Campbell, Lewis E.

Santee—10.
Brown, C. C.
Gough, J. O.
Kenney, J. W.
Davis, G. M.
Walsh, T. V.
Alderman, D. W.
Connors, M. A.
Graham, W. M.
Jamison, A. T.
Sublett, R. A.

Savannah River—3.
Jones, Fred.
Williams, John G.
Morrall, John F.

Southeast—3.
Harper, Edwin.
Moorer, W. D.
Coleman, J. P.

Spartanburg—15.
Stallworth, A. B.
Derieux, W. T.
Langston, W. J.
Robertson, B. P.
Mack, J. R.
Wingo, I. W.
Aiken, J. R.
Johns, W. W.
Ouzts, J. L.
Ezell, S. B.
Miles, C. P.
Scaife, C. T.
Woodward, B. J.
Woodruff, A. B.
Montgomery, J. H.

Twelve Mile River—

Union County—2.
Crosby, W. B.
Wilburn, D. N.

Waccamaw—

Welsh Neck—4.
Lawton, J. J.
Perry, J. W.
Gray, E. L.
Dowell, C. L.

York—2.
Moseley, H. R.
Herring, J. E.

Delegates Present, 140.

REPORTS.

Report of the Executive Board.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN—You enter to-day upon the Seventy-sixth Session of your history as a missionary organization. In seventy-five annual sessions, the representatives of South Carolina Baptists have considered the missionary problem and conferred about missionary work. With the passing years that problem and work have grown upon the denomination, so that the missionary enterprise during the life time of this body has become colossal.

Thirty years ago, with a view to the evangelization of our own commonwealth, the fathers, in their wisdom, organized the State Mission Board, and to-day we present to you its thirtieth annual report.

Since the last meeting of this body, Rev. E. H. Cuttino, missionary pastor at Georgetown, has been called up higher. On February the 24th, his pure spirit took its flight to the better world. For many years he was a missionary of our Board. He proved himself to be an earnest workman, and impressed all who knew him that he was an upright man and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. He rests from his labors.

In keeping with the spirit which pervaded the last meeting of this body, your Board has addressed itself with earnestness to the prosecution of the great work committed to it.

The stringency in money matters, coupled with the debt carried over from last year, forbade any great extension of the work; yet, in some instances, duty clearly pointed out to us the importance of entering a few new and needy fields. Persistent endeavors have been made by means of circulating tracts, extensive correspondence and personal contact of the Corresponding Secretary with the people, to widen and deepen the interest of the churches in the work.

During the year, sixty-nine persons have been commissioned by the Board, an increase of ten over the number employed last year. Of the number employed, sixty have served as missionary pastors, three as missionaries and colporters, two as colporters exclusively, one as lady missionary in Charleston, and three colored brethren have worked among their people. Figures must ever fail to show what has been accomplished, but some idea of the labors of these missionaries may be gathered from the following

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries and colporters, 69; stations occupied, 107; miles traveled, 54,670; number of days engaged in actual service, 6,490; sermons and

addresses delivered, 4,043; prayer meetings held, 1,247; religious visits made, 16,128; conversions, 566; baptisms, 508; received by letter, 487; restored to fellowship, 45; total additions to mission churches, 1,040; total membership in churches at mission stations, 3,734; churches organized, 4; houses of worship built, 4; expended on church buildings, $1,783.49; Sunday schools organized, 30; number of Sunday schools, 114; number of teachers and scholars, 5,116; contributions of Sunday schools, $515.49; collected for State Missions, $878.75; for Home Missions, $137.74; for Foreign Missions, $343.34; for Ministerial Education, $38.84; for Orphanage, $147.34; for Aged and Infirm Ministers, $72.03; families found destitute of the Bible, 85.

New churches have been organized at Greenville, Brookland, Eutawville, and ———, in Berkeley county.

New houses of worship have been erected at Pleasant Mountain, Eutawville, Salem and Carlisle.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Lack of means has hindered us from extending this work as we desired to do. Three of our missionaries have carried supplies of books with them, and two brethren have worked exclusively as colporters. The sales have been 3,130 books, value for $1,657.87.

Donated to families and individuals found destitute of the Scriptures and too poor to buy, 327 Bibles and Testaments, value for $55.22.

Your Board feels desirous of extending this work all over the State, but is handicapped for lack of money to support it. The profits from sales of books will not give a colporter a living, hence some salary is necessary. To take any part of our limited income for State Missions for the support of this work, would, to some extent, cripple our mission work.

Your Board thinks that it would be wise to look to our Sunday schools for the means to support Bible and Colportage work. The schools in two Associations whose territory joins, could, with a little effort, raise each year a salary sufficient to keep a colporter constantly at work in these Associations. We would be glad if our pastors and Sunday school superintendents would try it. For a salary of two hundred or two hundred and fifty dollars per year, with the profits on his sales, a suitable man would be found to do the work.

We are under obligations to the American Baptist Publication Society for kindly donating to us 60,000 pages of tracts and a box of Bibles and Testaments.

OUR MANUFACTURING TOWNS.

Wide fields of usefulness are opening to us among the multitudes of people that throng our factory towns. From the best information we have, not fewer than 46,000 people are connected with the cotton mills in our State, and, as Baptists are the largest body of Christians in the State, we must do our full part in their evangelization. We are doing

what we can among these people in Spartanburg, Whitney, Union, Tuccapau Mills, Greenville, Anderson, Newberry, Lexington, Rock Hill, Brookland, Columbia and Charleston. Other large and important fields could have been entered, but the means placed at our disposal would not admit it.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

In keeping with the action of this Convention at its last meeting, your Board has entered on co-operative work with the Home Mission Society of the North, the Home Mission Board of the South and the Colored Baptist State Convention. We have appointed Rev. H. M. Raiford, of Columbia, General Missionary; Rev. E. R. Roberts, of Florence, for the Eastern District, and Rev. E. V. Gassaway, of Anderson, for the Western District. This work will cost the Convention about $750 per year.

The General Missionary reports as follows: "Ten Institutes have been held, and each one confirms the idea that nothing has been done that gives the colored brethren such correct ideas of true Christianity as do these Institutes. Contact with the white pastors who have lectured at these Institutes gives the colored pastors a more correct idea of the Christian ministry, its sacredness, dignity and responsibility. All who have attended have been stimulated to greater diligence in studying the Bible, and as a result, sermons will be better prepared and more spiritual food given to the people. Incidents are brought out at these meetings that show how much better friends the colored people have always had in the whites, before, during and since the war, than was supposed. More is being done to establish the right spirit and feeling in the minds of the colored people towards the whites than by all the legislation since the war. Wherever an Institute has been held the people clamor for another."

We need the heartiest co-operation of our churches in prayer for God's blessing on this work, and in generous contributions for its support.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

We have not reached the goal that we aimed at—to get out of debt, and yet we are not discouraged. Contributions during the first six months of the year were very meagre. This was largely owing to the scarcity of money, and to the pressure of other interests, chiefly our Foreign Mission work.

Nearly one-third of the contributions received have come to us in the month of November. Our receipts are a little below those of last year, yet we have no complaint to make. Many of our people have done well, others might have done better. Had all done their full duty the debt that has troubled us ever since the Centennial year would have been swept away. As it is, about $3,500 are needed to enable us to make a clean balance sheet. With the redemption of pledges which we hold, and cash in sight, this amount can be reduced to less than $2,500; of this amount, one-half is a loan from other funds in the Board's keeping. The interest of the object to which these funds belong will not suffer by the loan.

The contributions during the year for all purposes have been :

State Missions	$ 9,924 47
Home Missions	4,808 35
Foreign Missions	10,959 89
Church Buildings by children	71 56
Church Buildings at Mission Stations	1,783 49
Orphanage	8,084 28
Ministerial Education	876 48
Aged Ministers	1,677 44
Total	$38,185 96

When we consider the results of the year's work and the support given to it by our people, "we thank God and take courage."

C. MANLY, President.

T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Furman University and the Greenville Female College.

Regarding the work of the two institutions, while there are many things in connection with our colleges that we report with pleasure, the Board and the denomination have been called upon to sustain an irreparable loss in the death of J. A. W. Thomas, who, for years, had been one of the most active members of this Board, and whose wise counsel and earnest co-operation in all the work of the Board had contributed, in large measure, to the success of the institutions.

It is with a feeling of pleasure and of gratitude to him who rules over the destinies of colleges as well as of men that we are able to announce an improvement both in the attendance and in the financial condition of the University and the College. During the present session, the enrollment at the College is already 158, of whom 58 are boarders and 100 are day pupils, as against an enrollment of 144, with 52 boarders, during the whole of last session, and 124, with 36 boarders, the first year of Dr. Riley's presidency. The enrollment to date at the University for the present session is 155, as against 132 at this time last session.

In order to equip the College with furniture, pianos, etc., after the election of Dr. Riley, it became necessary to borrow some $3,500. This was done by means of a note, which was signed individually by the President of the College, the former Treasurer of the University and members of the Executive Committee. The interest has been kept paid in advance on this note, and Dr. Riley is now prepared to pay $1,000 on the principal out of the income of the College. In addition to this, a considerable sum ($592.12) has been expended by the President in adding to the equipment of the College. The outlook of the institution in every respect is growing brighter every day, but there is one great need—we may say necessity—which we feel it our duty to call to the attention of

this Convention. The present attendance at the College is sufficient to fill all the dormitory space available in the present buildings, and it is imperative that a new dormitory be erected at the earliest possible moment. With the increased interest that is now manifested in the College, it is but reasonable to expect that the number of boarders will next session be increased to one hundred. What shall be done? There seems but one answer to the question, and that is that some provision be made for the erection of the necessary new building.

A communication from Dr. Moore, proctor of the University, brings the gratifying news that the work of beautifying the grounds, which was undertaken by the Park Association of Greenville, has been begun. The sum of $5,125 was subscribed by that association, payable in five equal annual installments, and of that amount about $1,000 has already been expended. In the furtherance of this work, the University is greatly indebted to Mr. Wm. Saunders, of Washington, D. C., for valuable services in planning the improvements, laying off the grounds, and to Dr. J. J. Darlington, of Washington, D. C., through whose kind offices the services of Mr. Saunders were obtained.

The interior of the University has received two valuable improvements recently in the fitting up of the class room of Dr. Estes by the Society of Willing Workers of the First Baptist churth of Greenville, and by the furnishing of the President's room in memory of the Rev. Marion Gassaway by the ladies of the Saluda Association. These examples we commend to the attention of other societies and associations elsewhere.

The work of the Alumni Association of the University is a great factor in the success of this institution, and we are glad to report an increased activity on the part of the Alumni Association, and especially in the plan adopted last June for raising a fund of ten thousand dollars for the erection of a commencement hall and such other improvements as the Association may hereafter direct. It is a noble work, and the zeal with which it has been undertaken gives promise that it will not be long in completion.

The labors of Bro. Pratt as special agent of the University and of the College are meeting with much success, as evidenced by the increasing attendance upon these institutions, the greater interest exhibited throughout the State, and the contributions now being received for endowment. We would emphasize the importance of the brethren keeping in mind the effort to raise $40,000 for endowment, and of raising the amount without delay, in order that we may meet the terms of the donation of the American Baptist Education Society.

In a response to a demand for public lectures, the faculty of Furman University has determined to take up university extension work, and a program has been published, giving the subjects of lectures prepared by the various professors of the University in connection with the work. It promises to be a valuable addition to the regular work of the University, and it is hoped that many of our schools and communities will avail themselves of the opportunity of securing the advantage of these lectures.

In conclusion, the Trustees have the honor of announcing to the Convention that at their present meeting they have conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon C. P. Ervin, of Bamberg; J. W. Perry, of Hartsville, and C. S. Gardner, of Greenville.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. WATKINS,
H. P. McGEE,
For the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Board of Ministerial Education.

During the last scholastic year your Board aided 24 ministerial students—16 at Furman University and 8 at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Aid given to students at the University was limited to board in the mess halls, room rent and University incidental fee. The largest amount given to any student for the year was $75, and the smallest amount $5. The only aid asked for Seminary students was board, which was about $60 for the year for each student.

At present, there are 25 ministerial students looking to us for aid—12 at the Seminary and 13 at the University. More than $700 will be required to meet the expenses of students at the Seminary, and about $600 will be needed to pay expenses of students at the University, including outstanding obligations. More than $1,300 will be needed to give the promised aid to the students now in school. Aid has been granted to students this year with even greater caution than ever before, and no student has received any aid beyond what appeared necessary to meet his actual needs. Present indebtedness of the Board, $227, forbids incurring further obligations. Either more money must be sent to our Treasurer or else aid must be withdrawn from some of the students.

Believing that it would simplify the operations of the Board, we recommend that this Board be charged only with the duty of looking after the support of ministerial students at Furman University. The manager of the funds for aiding students at the Seminary would then solicit directly from the churches such contributions as might be needed by Seminary students. The students are a fine company of young men and worthy of our assistance.

Respectfully submitted. D. W. KEY, Pres. of the Board.
WM. GOLDSMITH, Jr., Sec. and Treas.

Fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage to the Baptist State Convention.

To the Baptist State Convention, Charleston, S. C., December 2, 1896.

We make this our annual report. Our work has gone successfully on in every department during the year.

BUILDINGS.

The Durst Home was completed in April, and occupied about the first of May. It now accommodates twenty-four children, and is presided over by Mrs. M. D. Calmes as matron. It is substantial, neat and comfortable. Our school building has been enlarged, giving us two additional school rooms. This makes it possible for us to improve our school system, and gives us a room in the Children's Cottage well suited for library and music room, to serve for this purpose until a library building can be put up. A kind friend in Greenville offers to furnish this room for us. We have also put up three substantial out buildings for the comfort and convenience of the Homes.

CHILDREN.

We have received into the Institution since last Convention forty-five children. These came from various sections of the State, and vary in age from two and a half to twelve years. This number, added to seventy-five reported at last Convention, makes one hundred and twenty. Nineteen of this number have gone out, and one has died, leaving us at present in the Orphanage one hundred children. Our first great sorrow fell upon us this year. One of our dear little boys, Eugene Hollingsworth, fell on sleep January 23, 1896. His lungs congested while in measles. All was done for him that it was possible for medical skill and kind nursing to do. God called him to a better home. His short stay of two years with us was a blessing to our children. He was born July 26, 1885, and died January 23, 1896.

These children have made reasonable progress along all lines of training during the year. They are, for the most part, healthy, bright children, and give good promise of results that will be satisfactory. We have suffered from two epidemics, measles and sore eyes, since last Convention, and this has retarded the progress of our children some.

SCHOOLS.

We have now six grades in our schools, taught by three teachers. These teachers are doing the very best work possible. Many of our children are beginners. We have sixty in the first three grades. Improvement is not so marked until they reach higher grades. The children are taught also in field and house work. Some of our larger girls are getting to be quite proficient with their needles, and can do well almost any kind of house work.

HOME LIFE.

We emphasize home life, or the things that make happiness and contentment in the home. In this we can get better results as we get more trained children and more experience in our working force. Considering the fact that we have only been running about four years and that more than half of our children have been with us less than two years, our Homes are all a wonder of neatness, contentment and happiness. The spiritual training of the hundred children is carefully looked after. Those who are large enough to walk over town, and large enough to im-

prove by what they see and hear, attend in all good weather upon the Sunday school and services of the Greenwood Baptist church. In addition to this, our Superintendent is in the Orphanage, on Sunday, about three-fourths of the time, visiting the children in the Homes in the morning, deciding who can go to church, and helping in the training of those who do not. He also preaches to the children in the afternoon and helps in other Bible work, intended for the spiritual welfare of the children. In addition to this our teachers, both in school and the Home, give special attention to this need. Progress along this line is manifest, and is very gratifying.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Our farm and garden has been under the management of Mr. T. C. Chiles this year. He reports good crops of corn, cotton, peas and an abundance of vegetables. The work has been well and faithfully done. Our boys have been on the farm, doing good work, a part of almost every week day during the growing season. They do also all of the wood chopping, most of the hauling, and in addition many other useful and helpful duties.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

We have received the following contributions: Abbeville, $497.59; Aiken, $93.89; Barnwell, $171.50; Beaverdam, $56.26; Broad River, $62.43; Charleston, $70.17; Colleton, $20.40; Chesterfield, $52.06; Chester, $155.70; Dorchester, $2.60; Edgefield, $162.64; Edisto, $40.25; Fairfield, $82.99; Florence, $78.25; Greenville, $337.08; Lexington $41.97; Moriah, $77.27; North Greenville, $53.37; Orangeburg, $88.67; Pee Dee, $135.08; Piedmont, $44.27; Reedy River, $367.66; Ridge, $262.04; Saluda, $814.35; Santee, $344.80; Savannah River, $177.49; Southeast, $38.95; Spartanburg, $579.66; Twelve Mile River, $21.91; Union county, $126.45; Waccamaw, $25.00; Welsh Neck, $327.93; York, $145.24; personal, $330.80; special, W. L. Durst, balance on Lou Durst Home, $677.79; other sources, $235.67; making in all, $6,823.81 in cash. In addition to this we have received from ladies and other friends contributions in kind amounting to (estimated) $1,260.47.

For all of which we are grateful. Our contributions in kind this year are much larger than ever before, and have been a great help to us. May God reward the kind donors. Our individual support and clothing departments are working splendidly, and new contributors are forming along this line almost every month. No work has been more helpful to us than this. We close this year with a grateful heart that we have been able to feed, clothe, teach and give home life to all these fatherless ones, and to do so without debt. Much credit for this is due the kind work of pastors and other friends. It is very gratifying to us that our work is not only growing more efficient in the Homes every day but that it is growing upon the people.

Those who come and see rarely ever go away without being stronger friends and more active helpers. Our Superintendent is planning for another Home for the coming year, to be known as the Farmers' Home,

in which special arrangements and training will be provided for our larger boys, and from which will be drawn boys for farm and other work. It will be for the accommodation of boys twelve years of age and over. It is much needed now and will be more so as children grow larger. It will also enable us to make room in our Infirmary so that it may be used for the sick. These and other reasons make it desirable that the building should go up soon. It is also time for us to begin to arrange for some advance in technical work for both boys and girls. To do this we must have more money. We asked last year for $8,000. This amount has been nearly reached. Could we not get $10,000 for the year 1897? We can easily do so if all friends will help us.

Our work is just beginning. We must press the work to our utmost. Our successful beginning makes all the more binding upon all that we press the work forward until it reaches the magnitude demanded by the needs of our homeless children.

J. L. VASS, Supt.

Approved at meeting of Local Board.
J. C. MAXWELL, Pres.

Report of Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies.

The Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies report that they have received and forwarded, from October, 1895, to October, 1896, for Foreign Missions, $3,399.15; for Home Missions, $827.87; for State Missions, $579.68. The expenses of the Committee were $69.45, which were deducted from the funds received in the same proportion from each Board as undesignated funds are appropriated, which is about one-sixth each to Home and State Missions, four-sixths to Foreign Missions. Many Societies make their own appropriations and we are always glad for them to do it.

There has been an increase of receipts this year over last of $564.15. Fourteen new Societies and sixteen new Children's Bands have been formed. We are sorry not to be able to report more marked progress in extending our work.

We earnestly request that the Societies will send their collections for missions to the Central Committee, otherwise it is not reported as Woman's Work. The Sunday School Board makes the request that Children's Day collections be sent to them, which shows they have found how hard it is otherwise to get any correct knowledge of what is being accomplished by the observance of the day. It is for the same reason we make the request, namely: That we may have an accurate knowledge of what the Societies are doing, and also on account of the close personal contact which frequent communication gives. We hope the pastors will advise the societies to send through the Committee. Some, perhaps, have not understood our reasons, and therefore we have said this much in explanation.

We thank the brethren for their many kindnesses and increasing consideration for us in our efforts to promote the great cause of mis-

sions. Our Annual Report shows our work in detail, and we will gladly furnish it to pastors desiring it. Christmas offering envelopes and programs, and programs for the week of prayer, will be supplied on request.

Respectfully submitted. CENTRAL COMMITTEE W. M. S.

Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

We are glad to be able to report that this important work is rapidly growing, and is receiving the endorsement of a greater number of churches year by year. It was our hope and desire to work up our receipts to double what they were last year, and report two thousand instead of one thousand dollars raised, as for several years past. While we have not attained to this degree of excellency, it gives us pleasure to be able to state that we have received fifty per cent. more money than during any of the previous years. This has enabled us to give a little help to all who sought it and were worthy to receive it. It is true that our gifts have not been very large, and yet it is also true that they have been sufficient to keep the wolf from the door.

We have had twenty-two beneficiaries during the year, eight having been added to the list since our last Convention. Of the twenty-two, five have died, viz.: Brethren Hughes, Mendenhall, Singleton, Faile and Brigmon. There are now seventeen on hand, and one other seeking for aid, whose case has not yet come before the Board.

We have endeavored to be wise and prudent as possible in expending the funds entrusted to us. In every case, we have been guided by the pastors and the churches in accepting beneficiaries. We have accepted no one as a beneficiary without first having had direct testimony as to his need and worthiness. Even after all this, it is fully possible to make mistakes. However, our mistakes are of such a nature that we can easily correct them when we have discovered them.

The number of churches contributing to the fund this year is largely in excess of those contributing last year. The Birthday Cards are still doing their work in the hands of noble and faithful women, and through them about two-thirds of our receipts have come. At our Associations, the Board received more grateful recognition, and in many places self-appointed advocates arose to plead the cause of the old preachers.

The Treasurer's report contains an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures and accords with the resolution passed at the last Convention, requiring a publication of the list of beneficiaries and other details.

Respectfully submitted. C. C. BROWN, Chm'n.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The last report of the Foreign Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention was, so far as the fields are concerned, one of the most encouraging that has ever been made. In Italy the outlook was described

as very hopeful. There were 79 baptisms, and the churches seemed to be increasing in activity, liberality and solidity. In Brazil, there was a glorious advance, and cheering reports came from all stations, where there were 273 baptisms. In North China and South China there were numerous baptisms, making, with others, 152 baptisms reported for our China stations. In Africa there were 51 baptisms, and in Mexico 177. The latest word from Japan, our youngest field, speaks of "brightest prospects of a growing work." In our various fields there were 735 baptisms, and a net gain of 561 members, making a gain of over 15 per cent. The gospel was being preached or taught in 226 churches and out-stations by 86 missionaries and 109 native helpers. The amount received by the Board for its use during the Conventional year was $102,000.

One of the greatest needs of the Board is, unquestionably, money, and money at the right time, to avoid having to borrow funds to meet its payments during the summer months when the receipts are always small. Our own State, whose apportionment is $12,000, up to November 15th, had forwarded to the Board slightly over one-third of the amount, and over $1,100 of this sum, nearly one-third of it, was forwarded during the last month. This unevenness of receipts is the chief reason why the Board has to borrow money.

One of the saddest facts to be encountered in evangelizing the world is that the Lord's work is hindered by the want of money to carry it on, sad because it means that men abroad are dying without the knowledge of Christ, and sadder still, perhaps, because it means that men at home are dying with the knowledge of Christ. For what surer sign is there of a dying church or of a dying church-member than the fact that one or the other is dying or dead to an interest in giving the gospel to a lost world? To arouse ourselves from this apathy and to do our duty, we need more spirituality, more intelligence and more wisdom in methods.

As a rule, any visible or tangible defect implies a want that is more occult. We need more spiritual insight to appreciate Christ as the power of God unto salvation, and then we shall be more grateful to him, and the outcome will be an increased liberality. Those who put on Christ must have it instilled into their hearts that they are not putting on holiday clothes, but work-day garments, to be girded for zealous toil. It has been said that the question is put to every Moravian convert: Are you willing to go as a missionary, and if not, how much are you willing to give to help send some one in your place? Thus among ourselves the work of bringing the world to Christ should from the beginning have been recognized as our work and one of the chief reasons for our existence, but it was not so, nor have we been careful enough to lay it thus upon the hearts of our converts. We should recognize the truth that a salvation that saves is at the same time a salvation that wins an instrument for its further glorious work, and that such a conquest is the surest and most desirable test of union with Christ. Salt without savor would be worthless. Again, for the sake of spirituality, we need more prayer. We have heard much of prayers without giving, but we need to

be afraid also of the too common giving without praying. If our gifts are to carry power with them, they must, like the alms of Cornelius, first go up to God on the wings of prayer. After all, our greatest need is healthy spiritual life. This will show itself by renewed vigor in all our endeavors for God. And this can come only as we feel and plead our own impotence and emptiness at the throne of his promised grace. Pastors must pray more, not only in public but in private, for God's blessing on the work, and the people must learn the lesson.

Intelligence is needed. Lack of interest in missions is often due to lack of information about missions. Many of our people will not take our papers; many will not read on the subject, some because they are too busy and others because they have no interest to start with. Tracts are often distributed in vain; colporters are coldly received, and preachers become less interesting to many when they turn aside from fervent exhortations to patient instructions of the people as to their opportunities and their duty. But seeing that information as to missions is absolutely essential to any real, lasting and fruitful interest in the work, every pastor of us especially should be active in circulating our denominational paper, the Foreign Mission Journal, wise books and tracts, and should spare no pains to instruct the people from the pulpit and by every means possible.

Wiser methods must be employed. The general collection now and then when the people come unprepared and unprovided, and in which comparatively few take part, must yield to some plan by which every member may be reached and brought face to face with the abiding fact that his church as representing Christ's needs, expects him to contribute of his means, honestly, cheerfully, prayerfully and repeatedly to the work of spreading the gospel world-wide.

More spirituality, more intelligence, more wisdom, may God help us to gain, and then will come the tithes into the storehouse, and then will open the windows of heaven, and then will be poured out the blessing such as there will not be room to receive.

C. P. ERVIN.

Report on Home Missions.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Secretary reported 411 missionaries at work under the supervision of the Board, distributed as follows: In Alabama, 3; in Arkansas, 18; in Cuba, 24; in District of Columbia, 6; in Florida, 48; in Georgia, 4; in Indian Territory, 4; in Kentucky, 20; in Louisiana, 28; in Maryland, 4; in Missouri, 6; in Mississippi, 15; in North Carolina, 13; in Oklahoma, 19; in Tennessee, 43; in Texas, 93; in Virginia, 1; in West Arkansas and Indian Territory, 60; in West Virginia, 2.

This is quite a little army of workers, and the amount of work they are doing can by no means be represented by cold figures, but that part of it which can be so represented shows that this Board is doing a work

which is truly surprising when the matter is well studied. With a larger working force in South Carolina by nearly one hundred, we reported last year 3,656 baptisms, while the Home Board's missionaries reported 5,617. They are living lives of poverty and self-denial, and subjecting their families to appalling hardships and inconveniences, in order that they may carry the gospel to the destitute portions of the far West and Southwest, as well as to the poor mountaineers of our Southland, the spiritually destitute in Florida, and to the priest-ridden people of Cuba.

Your committee desires to emphasize only a few points in the vast regions cultivated by the Home Board. Much has been said before this Convention in former years about the frontier portions of Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas. While the region of the destitution has moved forward with the onward tide of emigration, yet the greatness of the destitution remains practically the same, and must remain so as long as new country remains to be settled. This Board has done a vast amount of good in this part of its field, and many of the churches planted by it in former days are now liberal and enthusiastic helpers of the Board to send the gospel westward to sections that are now in the same condition that these helping churches were in ten, fifteen, twenty years ago. We must continue in this great work in the Southwest if we would be true friends to many who have left the older States and gone to the far West.

In Florida, the destitution has been appalling since the freezes of 1894, and this State must be missionary ground for years to come. In many portions of the older States there are large areas that must be cultivated, or lost to the Baptists, notably in the mountain regions of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, also, in many new towns there is great demand for the work of this Board, and we cannot afford to neglect these places that will soon become centers of influence for the sections in which they are located.

The work in Cuba has been greatly interfered with by the war that is now raging in that island, but we should pray that God may soon bring peace to the people over there, and that the things which have happened there may be for the furtherance of his kingdom.

In conclusion, we beg the churches to remember the work of the whole Board in their prayers, and that they remember the Board in their gifts. It needs larger means than it has ever had, that it may do a better work for our Southland than ever before.

Respectfully submitted. J. W. PERRY, for Com.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The time has certainly past when any one need urge the importance of the Sunday school. The church that has religion will have a Sunday school. The needs that the Sunday school was designed to meet will be recognized by any live church. The work of the Sunday school is of greatest interest to the progress of the kingdom of Christ on the earth.

No means has been devised for doing this work better than the Sunday school. That the Sunday school is absolutely indispensable to the life and work of the church seems to be universally recognized. There is no doubt but that the Sunday school came by Divine inspiration, and will live as long as the church exists in the world.

We need in this report to concern ourselves only about those things which pertain to the Sunday school's more efficient and perfect work. We wish, therefore, to call attention to a few things we deem important.

1. We think all will agree that workers in the Sunday school have infinite opportunities and correspondingly great responsibilities. This work faithfully done may be the means of saving many souls; unfaithfully done, the opportunity for saving these souls may be forever lost. Therefore, we think teachers should be selected, first of all for their spirituality and then for their intelligence and aptness to teach.

2. All the work done in the Sunday school should be earnest work, with the definite purpose to bring all the unconverted to Christ and to ground and strengthen in the truth those already Christians.

3. It is eminently fitting that strictly good behavior and order should be maintained during all the exercises of the school. The Sunday school should not train children to frivolity and irreverence in religious service, but should develop exactly the opposite of these.

4. Your committee does not believe that Baptists should buy any other than Baptist Sunday school literature. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society can furnish the best literature in the world for Baptist Sunday schools.

5. It is the opinion of your committee, however, that there is a needless and wasteful expenditure of money in Sunday school helps. Young people ought to be trained to use the Bible more and to bring their own thoughts more into the study of the Bible, and we unhesitatingly say that the International Series plan of studying and teaching the Bible, is, in the opinion of your committee, very deficient, being contrary to common sense in that it gives no opportunity for systematic and consecutive study of the Scriptures. It is to be hoped that the time is near at hand when we shall teach and study the Bible in such a way as that, when children have grown up in the Sunday school, they will have some practical and systematic knowledge of the Scriptures. There would undoubtedly be better results, if the small children were taught by the use of a good catechism, and the larger pupils by something like the inductive method, which undertakes to study the Bible connectedly and to make the Bible the chief help in doing it. There are catechisms prepared by Dr. John A. Broadus and Chas. H. Spurgeon, and there may be others worthy of use.

6. The Sunday school should be the propaganda of missionary principles. The trouble with mission enterprises and mission boards and the heathen lands is the lack of missionary conviction—the conviction that God has laid upon us the work of saving the world, and that to save

others is no less a duty than to save ourselves. He that saves others, will himself likely be saved; but he that takes no thought or part in saving of others has a poor chance for himself.

Respectfully submitted. O. L. MARTIN, for Com.

Report on Obituaries.

Death has again been busy in the ranks of our ministry. Thirteen have fallen during the Convention year. Some of them spent long and useful lives in the service of the Master and in the ministry in the churches. Others fell just as they entered upon the work of preaching the gospel.

Nearly every part of the State has suffered the loss of a leader or useful minister of the churches. Some were long eminent as leaders and preachers. Others gave promise of great usefulness. They finished their work and were called home by the Master who sent them forth. Let us who remain be reminded that the time hastens when we too must cease from our loved work, and let us press on with renewed zeal and consecration, knowing that our labor of love is not in vain in the Lord.

MARION GASSAWAY

Was born in Anderson county, S. C., and was, at the time of his death, December 12th, 1895, a missionary under the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention in the city of Zacatecas, Mexico, where he died. Bro. Gassaway received his education in the schools of his county and at Furman University. Then he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a good student, earnestly striving while in the University and Seminary to prepare himself for his life work. He was a very active Christian worker at both institutions. In Greenville he was superintendent of the Camperdown Sunday school and an active worker in the Rutherford Street school. His zeal was consuming. Prompt, ready, punctual, he was felt in every work in which he was engaged. A teacher in his Sunday school and a classmate in the University wrote of him: "Whoever else might be late in class-room, not so Marion Gassaway." A co-laborer at Camperdown wrote: "If any man can recall the time when he was late let him speak. I can recall no such time." On entering the Seminary he immediately found the way to usefulness in the Orphanage and the early prayer meetings of the Seminary. There his voice was heard in prayer and song early and late. "He was the same faithful, punctual, persevering, singing, praying worker." "Well do we remember," writes another student, "how he became the leading spirit in the early morning prayer meetings at the Seminary. There, for three years, his voice was heard raising the hymn that would call others to the prayer meeting."

In the McFerran Memorial church he was a Bible class teacher and was presented by his class with an elegant Bible, in testimony of their appreciation of him as their teacher. As missionary in Mexico, he

displayed the same passion for work. While learning the language in which he was to preach, he went about selling and distributing the Gospels and the Bible. Just as he was ready to begin preaching, he was cut down and his work ended. Bro. Powell wrote, December 13th, 1895: "Last evening at 7 o'clock the spirit of this dear brother took its flight to the better land. He walked with God and was not, for God took him. Humble, zealous, pious and not afraid of hard work, he was proving himself a most successful servant of the Lord in Mexico." December 7th, he wrote Bro. Powell: "The Doctor says I have typhus, but that my case is not a grave one. I am in his hands." Five days later, Dr. Wallace, of the Presbyterian mission, announced his death by telegraph to Dr. Powell. Thus passed away this dear brother, of whom much was confidently hoped. Young, pious, ardent, and well equipped for his chosen work, it was natural to anticipate for him a wide field of usefulness. Yet, he was taken away just as he was ready to begin his real mission. We can only submit to, not explain, the Providence which called him home.

B. F. PARROTT

Was born January 20th, 1820, and died at his home in Darlington county, S. C., January 3rd, 1896. At death he had passed the 69th year of his age. In September, 1848, he was received and baptized into the fellowship of the Swift Creek Baptist church. On the fifth Sunday in August of the following year, he was ordained at that church. For a number of years he was pastor of churches in the Welsh Neck Association. During his pastorate there, many souls professed Christ under his ministry.

Owing to failing health, Bro. Parrott was not actively engaged in the ministry of the word at the time of his death. He was a man of modest and quiet demeanor, enjoying through life the confidence and affection of his brethren.

A good man, a good Christian and a good minister of Jesus Christ, he has gone to his reward. At his death he was a member of his mother church. His pastor wrote of him: "He lived and walked with God and was a great comfort to his pastor." His mantle has fallen on his son who holds up the banner which has fallen from the father's hands.

J. K. MENDENHALL.

After many years of active toil in the ministry as pastor and evangelist, this brother's health began to decline. He continued in the pastorate, however, till he had utterly broken down in health. For a year longer, he struggled with disease, attended with much suffering, till both his physical and mental powers gave way. There were occasional lucid moments, when he gave evidence of the trustful Christian. At last the end came, and quietly and peacefully as a child going to sleep, he went to his rest July 30th, 1896, at his home in Greenville, aged 68 years.

Bro. Mendenhall was born in Newberry county. His father was Dr. M. T. Mendenhall, an eminent physician and successful business man.

About the year 1833, Dr. Mendenhall moved with his family to Charleston where he became prominent in business circles and a deacon in the old First church and superintendent of the Sunday school. Here the son was placed in a private classical school. Later he attended Brown University, where his classical studies were continued. On leaving Brown University, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary. At Princeton he was the classmate of Dr. Jas. P. Boyce, and the two became lifetime friends.

Returning from Princeton, Bro. Mendenhall accepted the pastorate at Camden, remaining there eleven years. Thence he went to Fernandina, Fla. After eighteen months, the civil war breaking out the meantime, he returned to South Carolina, and accepted the Bush River and Mt. Zion churches in Newberry county. During the war he gave much time to evangelistic work. For some time he was engaged under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, travelling over South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, as district secretary. He was also, for a time, engaged in agency work for Furman University, in an effort to raise an endowment fund of $250,000. After the close of this agency, he accepted a call to the Columbia church. From Columbia he moved to Greenville, with the purpose of educating his children. He soon began pastoral work with churches in the vicinity of Greenville. Much of his time, however, was given to protracted meetings and evangelistic work in many parts of the State. Of his work at this time, a writer in The Baptist Courier says: "The Lord blessed Bro. Mendenhall in his ministry, and there are many all over the State who regard him as their spiritual father." The same writer says of him that he "loved the work of preaching the gospel. It was the one thing with him, the ruling passion of his life. Not willing to be confined to one church or community, he frequently left home and went from place to place, preaching day and night for many weeks. His constant toil was telling on his strength far more rapidly than he or his friends were aware. Unexpectedly his vital forces failed and his mind became affected. Then, gradually, the light went out. There were waking moments, when his mind reverted to his loved work. In his dreams and halucinations he was surrounded by friends and a great congregation. At such times, he would preach with all the fire and earnestness of other days. Thus he died, preaching to the end the gospel he loved."

Bro. Mendenhall left a wife and several children, all of whom are well nigh grown and doing well. The funeral services were held in the Pendleton Street church, Greenville. The pastor preached and the editor of The Courier read a short biographical sketch of his life and work. Then, in the presence of many friends, his dust was laid to rest in the Greenville cemetery.

JOHN ALEXANDER WILLIAM THOMAS.

The subject of this sketch was born near Brownsville, in Marlboro county, S. C., December 31st, 1822. He was of Welch descent. His parents were William Thomas and Eleanor Evans. His grandfather,

Robert Thomas, was a Baptist preacher and the founder of Baptist churches in Marlboro and Marion counties. He was also much engaged in evangelistic work. It was while on an evangelistic tour far from home that he sickened and died at the advanced age of 84 years.

J. A. W. Thomas was the eldest of five children born to William and Eleanor Thomas. At the age of thirteen, the care of the family fell chiefly upon him, on account of the death of his father. This responsibility, together with their small means, greatly hindered his wish to obtain an education. Such schools as the neighborhood afforded, he attended. Some of his teachers were capable of rendering him much assistance in his desire to acquire knowledge. For a while, he attended Wake Forest College. By subsequent diligent study and much reading, he became a well informed man.

At the age of fifteen, he was received into the Brownsville church and was baptized by Campbell Stubbs. He became, at once, an active Christian, and was soon made the Clerk of his church. His family moved into the neighborhood of the Salem church, transferring their membership to that church. There, also, Bro. Thomas was elected Clerk. There, too, he began to conduct family worship. He refers to this circumstance while writing of his mother, as follows: "When Divine Providence widowed and saddened her life, and removed the support of the family altar, she would not allow it to decay. Her well-worn Bible was read each day and she and her children bowed together and her voice for two years led the prayer to the Judge of the widow and the God of the fatherless. * * * And when, at the age of fifteen, I united with the old Brownsville church, * * * kindly, tenderly, encouragingly, did that godly mother convince her first-born that, as he had helped her in the support of the family, so, now, it was his duty to aid her in family worship." Thus beginning, he maintained the family altar to the end of his life. Almost the last known act of this eminent servant of God was to conduct the evening devotion at the family worship. Thus, we have a glimpse of that life of faith, rich in good works, the morning foreshadowing the evening, the evening the perfect day.

As a Christian citizen Bro. Thomas was distinguished in many spheres of usefulness. He gave much time to the cause of common education and was trustee of the schools of his town. He was a warm friend of our denominational schools. For several years, he was one of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; for many years, he was a trustee of Furman University and the Greenville Female College. Active in all public enterprises which were for the general welfare, it was not to be expected that he would be inactive when his State was plunged into terrible war. His prominence as a leader of men compelled prominence as an actor in the dread drama of war. Called to the command of a company of his friends and neighbors, he led them to the defence of his native country. His record in the field as a patriot and Christion was alike honorable. Brave, fearless, conscientious, as a soldier, he served his country till the surrender. He led his command

with conspicuous gallantry in many battles. He was twice wounded in battle. His chosen life work was not, however, abandoned on the tented field. It has been said of him that "in addition to his duties as a soldier and officer, he did as much preaching as a Chaplain, aided in many protracted meetings and baptized many soldiers." At the close of the war he returned home with a bare remnant of his command, laid aside his sword and accepted, without bitterness, the situation as a Christian and patriot who had done his duty for the cause that was loved and lost. From that time on, he went about the duties of life, counseling moderation, forbearance and good order. He maintained the confidence and warm affection of the whole people of his section and wherever else he was known to the end of his life.

As a son, layman in the church, husband, father, patriot and Christian soldier, and citizen, he was honored, admired and loved. But it is as a Christian minister, faithful unto death, that all will love and honor his memory most. Here he was conspicuous above all ordinary men. This eminent man of God began his ministerial career in 1848, when he was licensed by the Salem church to preach the gospel. He was soon invited to preach for this church twice a month. He consented and continued to preach there till 1885, exclusive of the years he was absent in the war. His ministry was greatly blessed at Salem. He also preached for several years at the Brownsville church in connection with the pastor, Joel Allen, his warm friend.

On March 7th, 1844, Bro. Thomas was married to Margaret E. Spears. She was a wife every way worthy to be the helpmeet of such a husband. Her provident care and tact guided the affairs of the home while the husband was away on the Master's business. She was the daughter of James Spears. These faithful servants of God shared each others' joys and sorrows for more than fifty years. The wife preceded the husband to the better land by some fifteen months. To them eleven children were born. His son, A. J. S. Thomas, is one of the well known editors of The Baptist Courier.

On the 15th of April, 1849, Bro. Thomas was ordained to the ministry at Salem church. John Culpepper preached the sermon, and Joel Allen and J. W. Burns assisted at the ordination. Previous to his ordination, he did much preaching at Salem, Brownsville, New Prospect and Antioch churches and at many school houses. Soon after ordination he was invited to preach at Bennettsville. He preached there for thirty-one years; first, in connection with the pastor and then as pastor. He preached for many years at Bruton's Fork. In 1867 he began a work at Mineral Springs which soon resulted in the organization of the Mineral Springs church. In 1885 a church was organized at Gibson's Station, and Bro. Thomas became the pastor, continuing in that relation till a few years ago. He served the church at Clio and preached there in connection with other pastors till his death. He was the pastor for several years of the Cat Fish church. For a short while he was the shepherd at Cheraw, going there from Bennettsville till the church could secure a

pastor on the field. With the Beaverdam church now at McColl, he labored longer and more continuously than with any other. He began his labors there in 1851, and continued with them till his death, excepting the years he was away in the army and about three years more. This church sent off many colonies to form other churches. Bro. Thomas preached almost every Sunday from ordination to death. He was never without a charge, he never took a vacation, he was careful not to disappoint a congregation. Every year he was much engaged in protracted meetings. At Union Meetings, Associations, State and Southern Baptist Conventions, he was a regular attendant. He was regular and systematic in his work. His sermons and addresses were carefully prepared. Of sermons, sermon notes and addresses, he has left a great number. In his ministry he used 3,522 different texts and preached 6,198 sermons. His last day upon earth was full to the brim with work for God and man. In the morning of that day he preached at McColl, and at Tatum's in the afternoon. Thence he went home, arriving after night, and, after engaging in family worship, lay down for the night. There they found him next morning cold in death. He had fallen on sleep. He literally died in the harness.

Noble son, loving husband and father, worthy citizen, faithful pastor, eloquent preacher, we shall not soon see his like again.

E. H. CUTTINO.

The health of this beloved brother began to decline while he was pastor of the Ebenezer church, in Florence county. After a pastorate of many years at Ebenezer, he accepted the work at Georgetown, S. C., the church of his father and of his own childhood. He was induced to go to this work by the hope of building up the old home church and that he would there regain his shattered health. There he had the misfortune to get his leg broken, which doubtless hastened the end that his already declining health admonished him was rapidly approaching. For a time he continued his work, going among his people on an invalid's bicycle—the almost spontaneous gift of his brethren at the Convention in Greenville. Bro. Cuttino was born in November, 1844; baptized in 1855. Though but a youth he entered the Confederate service and served through the war. In 1873 he entered the ministry and continued actively engaged in preaching the gospel until 1896. On the 24th of February of that year, he died and, at his own request, was taken to the Ebenezer cemetery and buried there among the people he had loved long and served so faithfully. At Ebenezer he did a splendid work, and won a warm place in the hearts of his members and was held in high esteem by the community.

Bro. Cuttino's greatest work for the cause of Christ, involving vast sacrifices and hard toil, was doubtless that of missionary in the low country. There in a field, vast in extent and destitution, he traveled and preached. The people to whom he ministered were very poor, and our brother lived and labored on the meagre salary of the missionary.

There he spent the vigor and energy of his manhood. Through rain and swamp and malaria and heat, he urged on his work at the sacrifice of comfort and health. With health at first robust, it at last failed him, and was never again entirely regained. For the poor of that section, now Berkeley county, he may be said to have laid down his life. It was not in vain. God greatly blessed his ministry. There were many converts, and the work was put on a sure foundation. In search of health, he accepted a call to Ebenezer. There this writer came to know him in his home and field, and to love him for his work's sake. Humble, loving, genial spirit, he won the hearts of his people at Ebenezer. To-day they love his memory and there in their midst, at his own request, they laid his dust to rest.

His qualities eminently fitted him for the missionary. There were few ministers in the employ of the State Mission Board who were more consecrated or more zealous. For that work he had a great fondness, and ere his health was entirely restored he returned to it. Again, his health broke down. He lingered and toiled on 'till February 24th, 1896, when he passed on to a well earned rest.

J. C. CRUMPLER

Came to us from North Carolina, and had entered upon the work of pastor in this State with a zeal that gave promise of extended usefulness. After about two years his health utterly broke down, and he gave up his life and work together. His ministry in this State was in Marion county, where he was fast commending himself and his work to the churches, when, early in life, he was called to his reward in the spring of this year.

LEONARD JEWELL

Died at North's during the present year.

J. B. BRIGMON

Died at Vaucluse, S. C., sometime in the present year.

NATHAN FAILE

Died at Taxahaw in July, 1896, at the age of 82.

This brother spent all his ministerial life in the bounds of the Moriah Association and in Lancaster county. He preached nearly all his life to the same churches. He was endowed with good natural ability and, though his education was very limited, he did much good among the people with whom he labored.

T. B. GOING

Died at Walnut Grove, Ala.

He was a member of a church in the Broad River Association.

G. W. SINGLETON

Came from the war, where he made a good record as a soldier, and left a leg on one of the battle fields, and exchanged the sword of steel for that of the Spirit. He soon entered the ministry and preached in Pickens county. He was one of the leading brethren in the Twelve Mile River

Association. He displayed much zeal and talent in his ministry. Many churches profited by his labors, and his memory is cherished by his Association for the good he did. Firm, kind, zealous Bro. Singleton was withal a useful minister of Jesus Christ. His death occurred January 23d, 1896, at Pickens, S. C.

J. A. CHRISTOPHER

Was not actively engaged in the ministry at the time of his death, nor in the pastorate, and consequently was not generally known. His ministry was with the people among whom he lived, and, generally, without special charge of churches, and as he had opportunity and where he might speak in Jesus name. As his labors were not concentrated at any particular place, very little is known as to their fruits. He was specially esteemed for his work in the Sunday school. He died at a ripe old age December 28, 1895, at Piedmont, S. C.

C. T. SCAIFE, for Com.

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Report of Treasurer Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

J. L. VASS, Treasurer, in account with Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

1896.	DR.			
Nov. 26.	To amount brought forward from last year.	$ 889 64		
	" Cash from Associations	5,601 53		
	" Personal	330 80		
	" From other sources	235 67		
	" W. L. Durst, balance Lou Durst Home	677 79		
	Total Cash	$7,735 43		
	Contributions in kind (estimated)	1,260 47		$8,995 90
	CR.			
By Cash to Matrons		$507 25		
"	Teachers	484 00		
"	Wages, Mr. T. C. Chiles	110 00		
"	Salary for Superintendent	1,225 00		
"	Provisions, books, clothing, etc	1,970 74		
"	Traveling expenses Supt. and children	122 43		
"	Building account	1,495 72		
"	Postage, printing and stationery	68 57		
"	Farm and garden	277 44		
"	Labor on farm and buildings	184 68		
"	Furnishing	570 13		
"	Insurance	42 10		
"	Repairs	42 42		
"	Freight, express and draying	147 55		
"	Land-lease	200 00		
"	Returned to estate of Mrs. Nancy Hawkins.	152 38		
"	Telephone line and service	19 00		
"	Piano returned to W. L. Durst	100 00		
"	Digging two wells	38 82		
"	Printing State Convention Minutes	101 60		$7,859 83
"	In hand to Furnishing Account	70 00		
"	In hand to Ind. Support	160 00		
"	In hand to General	906 07		$1,136 07
				$8,995 90

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. L. DURST,
Auditor Board of Trustees.

Report of Treasurer Board Ministerial Education.

WM. GOLDSMITH, Jr. Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Ministerial Education.

1895.		DR.		
Dec. 4.	Balance on hand from W. W. Keys, Treas.....		$91 18	
1896.				
Nov. 30.	Contributions received—			
	From Abbeville Association.....		$32 15	
	" Athens, Ga., by J. T. Fields.....		11 30	
	" Aiken Association.....		8 60	
	" Beaverdam "		7 62	
	" Broad River "		25	
	" Barnwell "		46 79	
	" Chester "		66 81	
	" Charleston "		29 60	
	" Edgefield "		19 69	
	" Edisto "		2 50	
	" Fairfield "		52 35	
	" Florence "		15 89	
	" Greenville "		101 74	
	" Moriah "		12 77	
	" Marion "		2 00	
	" North Greenville "		11 30	
	" Orangeburg "		6 00	
	" Pee Dee "		57 71	
	" Piedmont "		4 20	
	" Ridge "		22 33	
	" Savannah River "		4 40	
	" Spartanburg "		73 27	
	" Southeast "		1 60	
	" Saluda "		48 21	
	" Santee "		15 65	
	" Reedy River "		28 68	
	" Union "		4 55	
	" York "		15 50	
	" Welsh Neck "		81 78	—$876 48
1896.		CR.		
Nov. 30.	Pain expense students at Furman University...		$543 34	
	Paid expense students Southern Bap. Theo. Sem.		299 20	
	Paid Minutes State Convention.....		14 94	
	Paid printing and postage.....		9 25	
	Paid Exchange.....		10	
	By Cash in Bank.....		9 65	—$876 48

Respectfully submitted. WM. GOLDSMITH, JR.
Treasurer Board of Ministerial Education.

I have examined the above account and find it correct, with proper vouchers.
H. T. COOK,
November 30th, 1896. Auditor S. C. S. B. Convention.

Report of Treasurer of Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

D. W. CUTTINO, in account with the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

DR.			
To amount from former Treasurer		$196 49	
collection at last Convention		54 70	
miscellaneous offerings		3 53	
To contributions from Associations—Abbeville		59 62	
Aiken		39 61	
Barnwell		63 65	
Beaverdam		46 03	
Broad River		9 51	
Charleston		66 55	
Chester		56 82	
Chesterfield		7 19	
Colleton		3 10	
Dorchester		1 69	
Edgefield		46 19	
Edisto		14 60	
Fairfield		56 88	
Florence		32 10	
Greenville		61 02	
Lake Swamp		55	
Lexington		18 49	
Moriah		17 79	
North Greenville		9 80	
Orangeburg		100 45	
Pee Dee		59 31	
Piedmont		20 39	
Reedy River		75 84	
Ridge		50 38	
Saluda		130 20	
Santee		88 29	
Savannah River		101 23	
Southeast		26 87	
Spartanburg		58 68	
Twelve Mile River		1 00	
Union County		28 66	
Waccamaw		50	
Welsh Neck		45 53	
York		24 20	$1,677 44
CR.			
By Cash in Bank		$517 31	
paid Keys & Thomas, on Convention Minutes		12 30	
E. F. Miller, for printing		14 00	
Bank exchange		3 50	
for mite barrels		5 25	
postage of chairman		42 08	
By amount paid beneficiaries—Mrs. Susan Hill		40 00	
J. Trowell		80 00	
Mrs. M. J. Cribb		50 00	
W. B. Carson		80 00	
J. K. Mendenhall		75 00	
L. Hall		60 00	
T. W. Mellichamp		120 00	
J. G. Carter		60 00	
J. M. Crain		60 00	
Mrs. M. E. Fewox		40 00	
N. Faile		40 00	
W. H. Hartin		96 00	
Mrs. W. Brooker		60 00	
G. W. Singleton		15 00	
C. A. Baynard		60 00	
Mrs. R. Wilson		37 50	
J. B. Brigmon		40 00	
Mrs. M. J. Bryan		24 00	
B. W. Whilden		18 00	
A. W. McGuffin		15 00	
Mrs. J. Hutchins		12 50	$1,677 44

D. W. CUTTINO, Treasurer Aged Minister's Relief Board,

I hereby certify that I have minutely examined the account of Bro. D. W. Cuttino, Treasurer of the Fund for the Relief of Aged Ministers, and find the same correct, with all the necessary vouchers. E. H. RHAME, Auditor of the Board.

Sumter, S. C., Nov. 22, 1896.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

T. M. BAILEY, Treasurer, in account with the Executive Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

State Missions.

1896. Dr.

To cash from	Abbeville Association	$270 12	
	Aiken "	154 94	
	Barnwell "	400 70	
	Beaverdam "	214 32	
	Broad River "	119 71	
	Charleston "	242 88	
	Chester "	258 93	
	Chesterfield "	96 37	
	Colleton "	88 65	
	Dorchester "	.....	
	Edgefield "	202 55	
	Edisto "	155 33	
	Fairfield "	377 63	
	Florence "	173 19	
	Greenville "	904 77	
	North Greenville "	140 53	
	Lake Swamp "	.....	
	Laurens "	49 01	
	Lexington "	94 75	
	Moriah "	174 66	
	Orangeburg "	322 47	
	Pee Dee "	386 31	
	Piedmont "	61 56	
	Reedy River "	376 69	
	Ridge "	304 13	
	Saluda "	780 93	
	Santee "	468 38	
	Savannah River "	406 61	
	Southeast "	372 87	
	Spartanburg "	800 10	
	Twelve Mile River "	9 58	
	Union County "	127 12	
	Waccamaw "	4 25	
	Welsh Neck "	391 04	
	York "	300 53	
	Central Committee	498 43	
To donation from American Baptist Publication Society		17 50	
Interest on Mary Harley Fund		93 66	
Collection at last Convention		83 37	
Borrowed from Colporter's Fund		1,223 06	—$11,147 53

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By cash paid out over receipts of 1895	$1,007 66	
for Convention Minutes	117 36	
traveling expenses Board members	61 82	
printing and stationery	20 90	
traveling expenses Corresponding Secretary	251 17	
postage	63 86	
expenses on cash received	1 14	
Scriptures donated	55 22	
for tracts	16 50	
freight and express	23 07	
loss on damaged books	7 15	
donations to needy Sunday schools	3 75	
balance of salaries for 1895	4,301 67	
T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary	1,000 00	
J. A. Brown	35 52	
G. H. Burton	25 80	
E. Wells	300 00	
Miss E. Y. Hyde	225 00	
S. C. Hood	33 32	
M. W. Gordon	50 00	
W. F. Little	20 00	
A. J. Eddins	10 50	
J. M. Bostick	112 39	
Jabez Ferris	50 00	

By cash paid L. T. Carroll	$386 25		
H. C. Bethea	17 05		
W. B. McKnight	12 14		
J. J. Myers	46 55		
H. L. Baggott	16 38		
A. B. Caudle	21 21		
B. M. Foreman	38 39		
Wm. Brown	33 03		
J. W. Kenney	57 26		
J. N. Entzminger	35 00		
D. H. Crosland	38 89		
W. G. Britton	50 00		
H. L. Limmer	22 15		
W. H. Dowling	118 00		
H. T. Crapse	39 21		
W. D. Crosby	24 96		
S. T. Russell	67 05		
H. K. Ezell	72 00		
J. R. Aiken	68 12		
W. P. Smith	48 91		
J. E. Covington	13 00		
J. H. Crosby	18 00		
R. E. Peele	83 75		
J. B. Holley	20 84		
H. R. Moseley	199 47		
J. E. Herring	53 46		
J. A. Bell	24 00		
J. M. Sanders	127 75		
J W. Blanton	68 40		
R. J. Edwards	50 00		
C. C. Vaughan	18 75		
D. F. Crosland	19 95		
Wm. Haynsworth	15 00		
A. McA. Pittman	19 72		
W. D. Entzminger	49 56		
J. D. Mahon	86 00		
W. D. Moorer	35 00		
M. J. Willoughby	287 90		
B. F. Hargett	45 67		
T. J. Rooke	16 25		
Thos. Harrison	1 50		
W. E. G. Humphries	1 05		
J. M. Weaver	18 40		
J. S. McLemore	348 50		
J. M. Kirton	60 60		
L. M. Rice	10 00		
D. C. Freeman	73 13		
C. A. Jones	63 39		
E. P. Easterling	75 00		
W. P. Holland	6 75		
J. M. Conoly	22 50		
S. N. Watson	16 45		
H. M. Raiford	100 00		
E. R. Roberts	50 00		
E. V. Gassaway	35 00		
J. T. Henerey	6 00		—$11,147 53

Church Buildings.

SUMMERVILLE CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1895—To balance	$343 18		
To contributions	25 07		
	$368 25	By cash in Bank	$368 25

LAMAR CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1895—To balance	$96 40	By cash to E. L. Gray	$96 40

CARLISLE CHURCH.

Dec. 1, 1895—To balance	$29 86		
To contributions	19 00		
	$48 86	By cash to J. H. Crosby	$48 86

BRANCHVILLE CHURCH.

To contributions	$27 49	By cash in Bank	$27 49

CHURCH BUILDING CHARLESTON.

Dec. 1, 1895—To balance	$652 05		
To interest	22 32		
	$674 37	By cash in Bank	$674 37

MARY HARLEY FUND.

To amount of bequest	$900	By Notes of Second Church Columbia, and Chesterfield Church	$900 00

Bible and Colportage Work.

To amount Permanent Fund	$2,973 80	By books in hands of Colporters	$1,068 96
For salaries of Colporters	60 99	By books in office Cor. Sec.	159 00
		By loan to State Missions	1,223 06
		By cash in Bank	583 77
	$3,034 79		$3,034 79

GREENVILLE, S. C., November 30, 1896.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the account of Dr. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the South Carolina State Convention, showing receipts and expenditures to the above date, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

H. T. COOK, Auditor S. C. B. S. C.

MEETING HOUSES DEDICATED, 1896.

Gloverville, Aiken County, December 15, 1895.
Mt. Airy, Anderson County, March 7, 1896.
Bishopville, Sumter County, March 29, 1896.
Pleasant Grove, Marion County, June 7, 1896.
Flint Hill Chapel, York County, June —, 1896.
Salem, Clarendon County, October 4, 1896.
Manning, Clarendon County, November 22, 1896.
Mountville, Laurens County, November 29, 1896.

CHURCHES CONSTITUTED, 1896.

Summerville, Colleton County, January 29.
Mt. Airy, Anderson County, March 7.
Brushy Creek, Anderson County, March 7.
Wisacky, Sumter County, May 29.
Brookland, Lexington County, July 26.
Double Branch, Orangeburg County, August 9.
Flat Rock, Berkeley County, September 13.
Buncombe Street, Greenville C. H., October 11.
Selma, Spartanburg County, —.
Eutawville, Berkeley County, —.
Lockhart Shoals, Union County, November —.
Wolf's Pond, Chesterfield County, —.
Mt. Pisgah, —.

MINISTERS ORDAINED, 1896.

M. W. Hitt, Oakwood Church, December 20, 1895.
B. G. Truluck, Bethel Church, Greenville County, December 29, 1895.
J. B. Bozeman, Louisville, Ky., February 24.
B. M. Cheatham, Abbeville C. H., March 29.
J. E. Jones, Longtown, Fairfield County, March —.
W. D. Entzminger, Westville, Kershaw Connty, April 14.
G. M. Davis, Antioch, Kershaw County, April 18.
T. H. Harrison, Bethel, Florence County, May 3.
A. P. Maret, Beaverdam, Anderson County, August —.
L. C. Branyon, Anderson County, September 26.
J. P. Isenhower, Mount Moriah, September —.
T. J. Sandifer, Bamberg, October 14.
R. J. Blackmon, Mountain Creek, Greenville County, September 16.
D. F. Crosland, Bamberg, ——.
J. E. Johnson, Newberry County, November 29.

MINISTERS DECEASED, 1896.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death, and
I Will Give Thee a Crown of Life."

Marion Gassaway, Zacatecas, Mexico, December 12, 1895, aged 35.
J. A. Christopher, Piedmont, December 28, 1895.
B. F. Parrott, Darlington county, January 1, 1896, aged 73.
G. W. Singleton, Pickens county, January 23, 1896.
E. H. Cuttino, Georgetown, January 24, 1896, aged 53.
J. C. Crumpler, Latta, March 31, 1896.
Leonard Jewell, North's.
Nathan Faile, Taxahaw, July —, aged 82.
J. K. Mendenhall, Greenville, July 30, aged 68.
J. A. W. Thomas, Bennettsville, August 3, aged 73.
R. M. King, Anderson county, August 3, aged 67.
T. Baxter Going, Walnut Grove, Ala.
J. B. Brigmon, Vaucluse, S. C., September —, aged 42.

"The Memory of the Just is Blessed."

STATISTICS—1896.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ordained Ministers.	Churches.	GAIN. By Baptism.	GAIN. By Letter.	GAIN. By Restoration.	LOSS. By Letter.	LOSS. By Exclusion.	LOSS. By Death.	Total Membership.	Sun. Schools. Number.	Sun. Schools. Officers and Teachers.	Sun. Schools. Pupils.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Aggregate.	Value of Church Property.
1. Abbevill	10	22	62	63	11	62	22	23	1,730	20	147	992	$333 61	$174 97	$543 16	$149 63	$559 23	$66 98	$11,999 53	$13,827 11	$35,700
2 Aiken	14	29	105	89	39	92	48	42	2,712	..	...	.....	111 22	96 42	190 07	18 60	132 05	41 67	3,951 00	4,541 03	17,000
3. Barnwell	15	36	223	81	29	103	48	65	4,244	21	151	1,025	196 84	160 38	339 31	54 06	155 95	56 36	5,468 05	6,430 95	30,025
4. Beaverdam	17	35	113	93	14	125	37	31	2,632	22	176	1,382	238 12	92 00	149 84	26 72	52 89	52 90	2,666 87	3,279 34	14,925
5. Broad River	18	30	230	164	27	144	184	68	4,245	24	186	1 583	145 25	72 59	215 10	25	68 84	24 28	3,818 56	4,344 87	17,300
6. Charleston	18	31	73	49	3	81	40	30	2,465	24	196	1,314	310 65	266 82	383 87	131 65	58 80	81 56	10,867 50	12,100 85	123,800
7. Chester	6	13	72	58	5	49	19	15	1,586	13	88	555	259 64	231 41	399 92	85 97	212 07	87 99	5,714 26	6,991 26	*32,050
8. Chesterfield	8	20	147	31	34	62	46	15	1,625	12	71	602	20 73	14 23	8 12	.....	12 05	.....	.....	55 13	*6,000
9. Colleton	5	24	97	24	7	24	11	22	2,022	..	...	.....	92 62	12 41	19 20	.....	26 25	3 00	1,201 00	1,354 48	*8,600
10. Dorchester	*7	*8	..	..	..	..	..	..	*436	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*2,585
11. Edgefield	6	18	63	74	4	40	12	21	2,126	26	93	753	188 83	116 29	191 37	107 00	129 17	69 20	3,699 41	4,501 27	28,425
12. Edisto	2	14	51	40	17	76	17	25	1,540	17	95	889	131 22	25 90	65 28	68 30	54 75	41 66	1,574 05	1,961 16	*10,750
13. Fairfield	11	30	81	30	7	45	30	17	1,643	20	124	1,158	282 88	82 82	200 58	26 45	55 08	73 80	3,001 56	3,723 17	51,125
14. Florence	9	16	35	37	8	39	34	22	1,475	9	63	561	173 71	78 89	99 37	23 86	73 91	26 32	2,300 97	2,777 03	23,800
15. Greenville	21	29	239	246	25	230	192	67	5,013	29	...	2,507	469 80	439 78	930 78	160 06	279 74	61 46	10,195 98	12,537 60	61,455
16. Lake Swamp	2	6	7	9	2	9	8	4	358	..	...	.....	.....	3 25	9 15	.....	2 25	.....	.....	14 65	*1,500
17. ‖Laurens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18. Lexington	8	21	74	44	20	30	7	19	1,340	..	...	.....	56 11	10 18	16 74	1 85	20 16	28 79	1,295 06	1,428 89	*9,500
19. Moriah	11	22	236	113	87	118	98	46	3,006	20	143	1,511	91 94	77 81	111 99	29 21	106 08	44 18	4,379 42	4,840 63	15,750
20. North Greenville	27	31	121	104	10	158	41	51	4,086	29	345	2,083	127 32	68 93	162 17	11 96	74 97	14 33	2,021 03	2,480 71	16,735
21. Orangeburg	19	30	117	109	13	94	26	40	2,881	25	181	1,518	272 47	53 82	147 46	518 75	131 85	93 63	4,955 62	6,173 60	51,250
22. Pee Dee	12	36	107	142	26	111	109	35	3,215	33	197	1,735	136 94	194 63	309 85	185 60	108 21	55 24	3,851 23	4,841 70	40,950
23. Piedmont	13	21	75	81	18	58	29	17	1,999	15	93	973	44 56	27 50	33 88	2 15	27 51	29 36	1,129 43	1,294 39	9,355
24. Reedy River	18	38	148	134	24	156	37	63	3,758	31	206	1,723	524 18	323 30	562 03	39 83	444 56	104 63	9,487 91	11,486 44	53,300
25. Ridge	12	21	128	87	18	80	44	29	2,713	20	138	1,172	312 69	213 12	580 19	51 75	233 47	82 88	5,604 79	7,078 89	32,432
26. Saluda	25	36	203	285	25	263	91	77	5,712	36	355	2.800	777 61	400 04	927 06	222 38	846 85	127 05	10,029 56	13,330 55	60,550
27. Santee	18	27	125	91	15	102	43	18	2,685	23	131	1,304	296 25	199 86	383 54	44 12	220 83	95 13	12.239 99	13,479 72	*39,425
28. Savannah River	16	43	168	43	13	74	78	30	2,457	27	167	1,151	301 26	112 48	430 03	5 90	128 69	87 99	4,324 23	5,390 58	38,000
29. Southeast	12	33	53	54	14	20	22	25	1,804	17	98	682	205 43	30 65	67 51	63 90	28 79	35 19	1,831 39	2,262 86	12,030
30. Spartanburg	22	40	261	286	22	291	110	91	6,410	41	298	3,215	726 59	459 61	958 24	474 34	567 62	71 21	11,989 26	15,246 87	60,495
31. Twelve Mile River	29	33	117	112	25	78	35	32	2,505	23	115	1,014	30 39	9 81	4 71	.....	18 62	.....	798 09	861 62	*8,525
32. Union County	4	18	167	84	25	59	29	26	1,613	16	119	830	120 65	40 31	139 27	17 51	68 29	23 24	3,353 42	3,762 69	17,450
33. Waccamaw	*17	*41	..	..	..	..	..	..	*2,944	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*10,300
34. Welsh Neck	8	20	90	70	14	83	84	28	2,334	21	159	1,324	404 22	400 25	901 73	124 74	343 44	75 37	7,023 99	9,273 74	†44,000
35. York	8	16	136	123	23	73	34	27	2,346	17	109	1,119	212 97	228 13	217 77	13 50	133 79	52 40	4,993 80	5,852 36	‡11,300
													$7,596 70				$5,376 76			$187,526 14	
Money col. and not reported to Associations	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	2,327 77	.....	.....	.....	2,729 50	.....	.....	5,057 27	
	....	888	3924	3050	624	3029	1665	1121	89,660	631	4,244	37,475	$9,924 47	$4,718 59	$9,699 29	$2,660 04	$8,106 26	$1,707 80	$155,766 96	$192,583 41	$996,387

N. B.—Contributions of Sunday schools and Woman's Mission Societies are included in the above Table, but the Association Clerks did not furnish the data from which to make up separate Tables to show what each had contributed.

* Supplied from Minutes of 1895. † This includes Welsh Neck High School. ‡ Estimated. ‖ Report included in that of Reedy River Associatiion.

Some Statistics of the Baptist Denomination in the United States.

[TAKEN FROM THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK FOR 1896, AND OTHER SOURCES.]

Associations, 1,551; ordained ministers, 27,774; churches, 40,064; baptisms, 176,058; total membership, 3,720,235; value of church property, $81,648,246.

Reported contributions: Missions, $1,172,909.43; education, $141,719.58; salaries and expenses, $8,202,985.25; miscellaneous, $2,337,504.32; aggregate, $11,755,118.58.

Sunday schools: Number, 23,302; officers and teachers, 163,570; pupils, 1,779,886.

Baptist charitable institutions, 31; value of property, $1,525,721.

Baptist Educational Institutions.

	Number.	Instructors.	Pupils.	Total Value of Property.
Theological Seminaries	7	67	1,002	$ 3,774,850
Universities and Colleges	36	807	11,523	22,722,163
Seminaries (Female)	29	370	3,824	4,063,297
Seminaries and Academies (Male and Co-Educating)	64	530	14,341	4,167,730
Institutions for Negroes and Indians	33	293	5,326	1,398,830
Aggregate	169	2067	36,016	$36,126,870

Baptist periodicals published, 122, of which 57 are weekly.

Churches constituted last year, 710; meeting houses dedicated, 316; ministers ordained, 481; ministers received from other denominations, 49; ministers deceased, 286.

American Baptist missionaries in foreign lands, 425. Southern Baptists have in foreign lands, 88 missionaries, 109 native helpers, 98 churches, 128 out stations, baptized last year, 735; present membership, 4,295; contributions, $5,553.20.

Southern Baptists have on the home field, 411 missionaries, occupying 1,626 churches and stations. Baptized by them last year, 5,617; churches constituted, 207; houses of worship built, 92.

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, raised last year, for Foreign Missions, $22,799.25; for Home Missions, $33,542.64.

Baptist Young People's Union has in the United States and Canada, 8,000 Societies, and 400,000 members, with two general annual conventions, viz.: Baptist Young People's Union of America, Rev. F. L. Wilkins, Chicago, Illinois, General Secretary; Baptist Young People's Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. John D. Jordan, Birmingham, Ala., Corresponding Secretary.

The South Carolina Baptist Young People's Union was organized at Orangeburg April 2–3, with Rev. A. T. Jamison, President, and Wm. E. Lott, Johnston, Secretary.

Baptists in the World, 1895.

Ordained ministers	32,447
Churches	46,520
Baptisms	215,472
Total membership	4,447,074
Gain during the year	128,220

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	PREACHERS.			
						Introductory.	Text.	Missionary.	Text.
1821	Columbia	Richard Furman	.....	Abner Blocker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1822	Fellowship	Richard Furman	.....	Joseph B. Cook	.....	Richard Furman	Psalm 122: 9	.....	.....
1823	Edgefield	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson.	Basil Manly	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Mark 10: 15	Basil Manly	.....
1824	Coosawhatchie	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson.	Basil Manly	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	.....	.....	.....
1825	Camden	Wm. B. Johnson	Benj. S. Scriven	Basil Manly	.....	C. D. Mallory	Eccl. 9: 10	Rev. Mr. Graham	Zech. 6: 2, 3.
1826	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	Joseph B. Cook	John 13: 19	C. D. Mallory	.....
1827	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	B. Manly	Acts 28: 15	W. B. Johnson	.....
1828	Minervaville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	William Dossey	Acts 2: 42	W. B. Johnson	Matt. 6: 10.
1829	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. Hartwell	Acts 7: 59	N. W. Hodges	.....
1830	Robertville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. B. Cook	Eccl. 9: 10	.....	.....
1831	Mount Moriah	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	J. Hartwell	Eph. 1: 7	B. Manly	Mark 6: 9.
1833	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly	.....	B. Manly	I Cor. 15: 58	S. Furman	Matt. 10: 8.
1833	Newberry	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly	.....	W. B. Johnson	Eph. 1: 10	B. Manly	John 4: 35.
1834	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly	.....	I. L. Brooks.	Heb. 10: 24	R. Fuller	Luke 13: 7.
1835	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly	.....	N. W. Hodges	II Cor. 5: 7	.....	.....
1836	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly	.....	H. D. Duncan	Mark 16: 29	J. M. Chiles	Matt. 24: 14.
1837	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	W. H. Brisbane	.....	J. C. Furman	Heb. 12: 1, 2	R. Fuller	John 13: 31.
1838	Bethel	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. M. Chiles	.....	Wm B. Johnson.	Gal. 6: 9, 10	N. W. Hodges	Isaiah 60: 1.
1839	Black Swamp	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. L. Reynolds	.....	N. W. Hodges	Eph. 4: 30	W. Harper	Acts 9: 6.
1840	Sumterville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. DuPre	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	James 1: 17	A. Rice	Isaiah 9: 7.
1841	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. L. Reynolds	John 19: 5	.....	.....
1842	Anderson	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. M. Chiles	II Cor. 5: 14	J. A. Lawton	Luke 15: 7.
1843	Flat Rock	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	J. O. B. Dargan	II Cor. 5: 14,15	.....	.....
1844	Darlington	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Col. 2: 6, 7	W. B. Johnson	.....
1845	Gillisonville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman	.....	Wm. B. Johnson.	Matt. 8: 20	J. C. Furman	Zech. 4: 10.
1846	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	T. W. Haynes	.....	J. S. Mims	Luke 10: 21	J. B. Taylor	I Tim. 1: 4.
1847	Beulah	Wm. B. Johnson	.....	J. C. Furman	.....	J. H. Cuthbert	.....	I. L. Brooks	Prov. 11: 24.
1848	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	R. Furman	II Tim. 4: 2	.....	.....
1849	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	Prof. Edwards	Col. 2: 10	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 6: 10.
1850	Pendleton	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman	.....	J. S. Mims	Phil.——	W. B. Johnson	Mark 16: 15.
1851	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. R. Kendrick	J. C. Furman	.....	J. R. Kendrick	Acts 9: 6	B. W. Whilden	.....
1853	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. J. Brantley	Psalm 133: 1	E. T. Winkler	Matt. 11: 3.
1854	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	W. B. Johnson	I Peter 5: 8, 9	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 16: 30.
1855	Newberry	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	R. Furman	II Cor. 11: 3	J. C. Furman	.....
1856	Greenville	Basil Manly	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. H. Luther	.....	J. C. Furman	.....
1857	Greenwood	J. L. Reynolds	Basil Manly	J. J. Brantley	.....	Basil Manly	.....	J. J. Brantley	.....
1858	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. C. Phelps	John 3: 8	J. M. C. Breaker	.....
1859	Sumter	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. C. Furman	Acts 9: 31	R. Fuller	.....
1860	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley	.....	J. J. Brantley	Mark 14: 8	E. T. Winkler	Luke 10: 234.,
1861	Spartanburg	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	J. M. C. Breaker	Matt. 5: 14	J. Huckins	.....
1862	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. C. Furman	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	J. C. Phelps	Job 7: 17, 8	L. R. Gwaltney	I Peter 2: 7.
1863	Darlington	J. C. Furman	T. P. Lide	J. M. C. Breaker	.....	W. D. Rice	Psalm 116: 12.	J. A. Chambliss	Rom. 1: 14.

HISTORICAL TABLE--Continued.

Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	PREACHERS.			
						Introductory.	Text.	Missionary.	Text.
1864	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	J. M. C. Breaker		J. A. Chambliss	Matt. 26 : 41	J. O. B. Dargan	Psalm 67 : 1, 3.
1865	Cross Roads	J. C. Furman	Z. Watkins	B. Manly, Jr.		J. A. Broadus	James 1 : 5		
1866	Greenville	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr.		B. Manly, Jr.	I Cor. 15 : 25.	M. W. Wingate	
1867	Anderson	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr.		Wm. Williams	Heb. 12 : 1, 2	J. L. Reynolds	
1868	Newberry	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. F. Morrall		J. Culpepper	II Cor. 9 : 13	T. R. Gaines	Rom. 1 : 18.
1869	Yorkville	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	S. W. Bookhart		J. K. Mendenhall	Prov. 11 : 30	E. T. Winkler	Acts 11 : 4.
1870	Greenville	J. L. Reynolds	J O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory		J. L. Reynolds		L. H. Shuck	I Sam. 4 : 13.
1871	Camden	J. P. Boyce	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	J. L. Reynolds		J. G. Williams	Neh. 4 : 6.
1872	Darlington	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	John Stout	Phil. 3 : 13, 14	J. C. Furman	III John 7.
1873	Columbia	J. L. Reynolds	J. K. Mendenhall	O. F. Gregory	J. B. Patrick	W. C. Lindsay	John 19 : 5	J. A. Broadus	Matt. 16 : 24.
1874	Chester	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. B. Patrick	S. W. Bookhart	T. W. Smith	Heb. 6 : 1	J. B. Jeter	
1875	Spartanburg	J. L. Reynolds	J. G. Landrum	J. B. Patrick	O. F. Gregory	Luther Broaddus	Eph. 6 : 6	R. H. Griffith	Acts 13 : 2.
1876	Society Hill	John A. Broadus	R. Furman	O. F. Gregory	Z. Davis	W. H. Strickland	Phil. 4 : 4	R. Furman	
1877	Greenville	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	C. C. Brown	Rom. 7 : 14, 5	R. Furman	
1878	Sumter	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	W. J. Alexander	I John 3 : 2, 3	J. C. Hiden	
1879	Aiken	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	R. W. Sanders	Gal. 6 : 9	J. A. Chambliss	
1880	Camden	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	J. L. Vass	II Tim. 2 : 1	L. H. Shuck	Matt. 6 : 10.
1881	Anderson	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	B. G. Covington	Matt. 13 : 31-33	F. A. Douglas	John 4 : 35.
1882	Darlington	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	G. H. Carter	Matt. 9 : 37, 8	Lucius Cuthbert	Acts 16 : 9.
						Convention Sermon.		Text.	
1883	Charleston	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Charles Manly		John 4 : 36.	
1884	Marion	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Chas. A. Stakely		I Cor. 1 : 23, 24.	
1885	Greenville	James A. Hoyt	John Stout	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	G. B. Moore		Eph. 3 : 8.	
1886	Columbia	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. A. Mundy		II Tim. 2 : 2.	
1887	Sumter	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. C. Browne		John 17 : 3.	
1888	Orangeburg	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan / R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	E. J. Forrester		John 16 : 8.	
1889	Florence	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan / R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. P. Ervin		Eph. 5 : 15, 16.	
1890	Union	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan / R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	A. C. Wilkins		Isa. 53 : 3; Matt. 26 : 38.	
1891	Spartanburg	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith / W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. W. Perry		John 14 : 21-23.	
1892	Aiken	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith / W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. T. Scaife		Mark 14 : 3, 4.	
1893	Anderson	James A. Hoyt	W. D. Rice / J. A. W. Thomas	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	I. M. Mercer		Titus 2 : 11, 12, 13.	
1894	Chester	R. W. Sanders	C. C. Brown / W. D. Rice	G. T. Gresham	A. B. Woodruff	W. T. Derieux		John 15 : 1-4.	
1895	Greenville	R. W. Sanders	W. D. Rice / J. H. Hudson	G. T. Gresham	A. B. Woodruff	J. H. Boldridge		Luke 17 : 21.	
1896	Charleston	J. H. Hudson	Chas. Manly / Jas. McIntosh	G. T. Gresham	C. P. Ervin	C. S. Gardner		I John 1 : 1-3.	

An extra session was held at Bush River church, April, 1855. Introductory, J. P. Boyce. Text, Acts 20 : 24.

CALENDAR OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1897.

ASSOCIATION.	MODERATOR AND HIS POST OFFICE.	CLERK AND HIS POST OFFICE.	PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.
1. Abbeville	J. H. Wideman, Bradley	W. E. Cothran, Mill Way	Fellowship, Edgefield county, Tuesday, Sept. 21.
2. Aiken	J. C. Browne, Aiken	W. H. Kneece, Aiken	Talatha, Aiken county, Tuesday, October 5.
3. Barnwell	W. D. Rice, Denmark	W. D. McMillan, Blackville	Fairmount, Thursday, October 21.
4. Beaverdam	W. W. Leathers, Tugaloo	M. C. Barton, Fair Play	Oakdale, Anderson county, Tuesday, August 3.
5. Broad River	J. D. Bailey, Cowpens	S. M. Bagwell, Glendale	Pacolet No. 2, Spartanburg co., Thursday, August 19.
6. Charleston	W. J. Snider, Elloree	W. G. Wells, Tindal	Santee (Elloree) Orangeburg co., Thursday, Nov. 4.
7. Chester	J. F. V. Legg, Shelton	J. E. McManaway, Lowreysville	Calvary, Chester county, Thursday, November 4.
8. Chesterfield	D. T. Redfearn, Mt. Croghan	W. C. Baker, Mt. Croghan	White Plains, Chesterfield co., Thursday, Oct. 21.
9. Colleton	J. T. Hiers, Round	J. S. Griffin, Walterboro	Mount Zion, Colleton county, Thursday, October 21.
10. Dorchester	*F. M. Droze, Summerville	*S. P. Driggers, Summerville	.....
11. Edgefield	W. H. Yeldell, Longmires	S. E. Freeland, Plum Branch	Gilgal, Edgefield county, Wednesday, September 8.
12. Edisto	H. L. Baggott, Wagener	J. C. Courtney, Kitching's Mill	Kedron, ————, Friday, October 1.
13. Fairfield	B. J. Quattlebaum, Winnsboro	Wm. G. Hinnant, Ridgeway	Longtown, Fairfield county, Friday, October 8.
14. Florence	R. W. Sanders, Florence	H. E. C. Fountain, Cartersville	Ebenezer, Florence county, Thursday, Nov. 11.
15. Greenville	D. T. Smith, Greenville	W. P. League, Simpsonville	Simpsonville, Greenville co., Tuesday, August 10.
16. Lake Swamp	D. H. Jordan, Cool Springs	T. L. Cannon, Cool Springs	Lake Swamp, Friday, November 12.
17. Laurens	G. W. Shell, Laurens	J. B. Parrott, Clinton	Laurens Tuesday, October 5.
18. Lexington	Evans Hall, Samaria	D. J. Knotts, Swansea	Antioch, Lexington county, Friday, October 8.
19. Moriah	John S. Croxton, Heath Springs	D. A. Williams, Lancaster	Buffalo, Kershaw county, Thursday, October 14.
20. North Greenville	John O. Wingo, Campobello	J. Tupper Henerey, Ansel	Washington, Greenville co., Thursday, August 12.
21. Orangeburg	W. C. McCall, Orangeburg	Wm. R. Lowman, Orangeburg	North's, Orangeburg co., Friday, October 15.
22. Pee Dee	J. M. Johnson, Marion	J. L. Dew, Latta	Bruton's Fork, Wednesday, October 13.
23. Piedmont	J. H. Bowen, Farr's	J. Jameson, Guyton	Beaverdam, Anderson county, Thursday, July 29.
24. Reedy River	G. W. Shell, Laurens	J. W. Blanton, Prosperity	Cross Roads, Thursday, September 16.
25. Ridge	S. J. Watson, Johnston	G. P. White, Johnston	Red Bank, Edgefield county, Tuesday, Sept. 14.
26. Saluda	M. McGee, Honea Path	John A. Robinson, Due West	Union, Abbeville County, Tuesday, July 27.
27. Santee	T. V. Walsh, Sumter	C. C. Brown, Sumter	Parksville, Clarendon county, Time to be fixed.
28. Savannah River	John T. Morrison, Peeples	Benj. P. Cuttino, Allendale	Steel Creek, Barnwell county, Friday, November 12.
29 Southeast	Edwin Harper, Kingstree	J. G. McCullough, Benson	Bethel church, Time to be fixed.
30. Spartanburg	L. C. Ezell, Woodruff	A. B. Stallworth, Pacolet	Spartanburg Tuesday, August 17.
31. Twelve Mile River	W. C. Seaborn, Prater	C. E. Robinson, Pickens	Mount Tabor, Pickens co., Thursday, October 7.
32. Union County	D. N. Wilburn, Cross Keys	W. B. Crosby, Meador	Hebron, Union county, Thursday, September 2.
33. Waccamaw	*W. S. McCaskill, Conway	*John T. Prince, Loris	.....
34. Welsh Neck	N. N. Burton, Darlington	C. L. Dowell, Society Hill	Society Hill, Darlington co., Tuesday, November 9.
35. York	W. B. DeLoach, Yorkville	H. E. Johnson, Yorkville	Pleasant Valley, York county, Friday, October 15.

* Supplied from Minutes of 1895.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Abbott, W. W., Seneca.
Ackerman, S. W., Round.
Ackerman, L. B., Cottageville.
Adams, James, Hamburg.
Aiken, J. R., Fair Forest.
Alexander, J., Six Mile.
Allen, J. M., Lickville.
Allen, Joel I., Dillon.
Allen, H. M., Central.
Amaker, A. A., Knotts' Mill.
Anderson, W. L., Middle Saluda.
Askew, G. N., Blackville.
Atkinson, W., Columbia.

Baggott, H. L., Wagener.
Bailey, J. D., Cowpens.
Bailey, T. M., Greenville.
Baldwin, D. H., Donalds.
Ballard, B. E., Greenville.
Barnes, J. E., Lucas.
Barnett, J. L., Enoree.
Barton, O. C., Gowensville.
Bateman, J. J., Hartsville.
Baynard, C. A., Jackson Station.
Beck, J. J., Anderson.
Bell, J. A., Chick Springs.
Bethea, H. C., Louellen.
Billings, C. M., Packsville.
Bishop, S., Elloree.
Bishop, J. W., Dovesville.
Blackmon, R. J., Tigerville.
Blakeley, G. W., Autun.
Blanton, J. H., Powellville.
Blanton, J. W., Prosperity.
Blalock, P. P., Edgefield.
Boldridge, J. H., Lancaster.
Bolen, J. P., Springfield.
Bomar, E. E., Aiken.
Bonner, A. J., Dexter.
Bostick, J. M., Walterboro.
Bowers, A. D., Highland.
Bowers, R. C., Hampton.
Bozeman, J. B., Kershaw.
Bradford, C. G., Wards.
Branyon, L. C., Louisville, Ky.
Brasington, J. T., Darlington.
Bratcher, J. D., Neva.
Britton, W. G., Barnwell.
Brown, C. C., Sumter.
Brown, E. Z., Anderson.
Brown, J. A., Due West.
Brown, N. A., Conway.
Brown, Wm., Anderson.
Browne, J. C., Aiken.
Bryant, S. A., Talley.
Bucholz, H. C., Chester.
Buist, A., Blackville.
Bundick, Geo. C., Beaufort.
Burdine, J. T., Sunnydale.
Burton, N. N., Darlington.
Burton, G. H., Mt. Carmel.
Burts, C. E., Louisville, Ky.
Burts, R. W., Honea Path.
Bussey, G. W., Parksville.
Buyck, A. S., Greenville.

Cains, J. T., Board Landing.
Cains, S. J., Daisey.
Campbell, C. W., Pelzer.
Campbell, T. J., Gaffney.
Cann, F. M., Alice.
Cannon, J. O., Blanch.
Cantley, J. C., Summerville.
Carnes, S. C., Taxahaw.
Carson, J. A., Butler.
Carter, A. W., Hammond.
Carter, J. G., Gaffney.
Carroll, L. T., Columbia.
Carroll, M. F., Gideon.
Case, C. C., Taho.
Catoe, W. G., Kershaw.
Catoe, S. I., Brewer Mine.
Chaplin, W. F., Cordova.
Chastain, B. E., Highland.
Cheatham, B. M., Abbeville.
Cole, F. M., Fair Play.
Collie, J. B., Salem.
Collins, J. B., Traveler's Rest.
Connors, M. A., Summerton.
Conoly, J. M., Wanamaker.
Cooner, N. G., Batesburg.
Cooper, H. W., Sally.
Cooper, J. A., Ekom.
Corley, B. F., Chappell's.
Corr, T. R., Batesburg.
Covington, J. E., Campobello.
Cox, D. D., Daisy.
Craig, C. L., Stewart.
Crane, J. M., Crotwell.
Crapse, H. T., Estill.
Craven, E. D., Walterboro.
Crosby, J. H., Carlisle.
Crosby, W. J., O'Katie.
Crosland, D. F., Bamberg.

Crosland, D. H., Norway.
Crouch, J. C., Orangeburg.
Croxton, J. S., Heath Springs.
Curtis, F. O. S., Ninety-Six.
Cuthbert, L., Charleston.

Dabney, T. A., Kershaw.
Dalton, J. M., Sand Ridge.
Dalton, G., Summerville.
Davidson, A. D., Gaffney.
Davis, G. M., Camden.
Davis, J. W., Ionia.
Davis, M. L., Gowensville.
Davenport, J. B., Mt. Gallagher.
Derieux, W. T., Spartanburg.
Dobson, J. F., Central.
Dowell, C. L., Society Hill.
Dowling, W. H., Hampton.
Drayton, G., Hammond.
Droze, F. M., Summerville.
Durham, E. A., Pelzer.
Dutton, J. M., Sand Ridge.

Earle, W. R., Louisville, Ky.
Earle, J. R., Holland.
Easterling, E. P., Tatum.
Eddins, A. J., Chesterfield.
Edge, D. M., Nixonville.
Edwards, Joab, Leesville.
Edwards, R. J., Orangeburg.
Edwards, T. H., Palmetto.
Entzminger, J. N., Westville.
Entzminger, W. D., Lucknow.
Estes, B. P., Halselville.
Ervin, C. P., Bamberg.
Evans, T. A., Hyman.
Ezell, J. S., Woodruff.
Ezell, L. C., Woodruff.
Ezell, H. K., Winnsboro.
Ezell, W. G. P., Brooklyn.

Faile, John, Flat Rock.
Fant, H. B., Anderson.
Felment, C. F. Clifton.
Ferris, Jabez, Winnsboro.
Finch, J. S. M., Tigerville.
Ford, Rufus, Bennettsville.
Foreman, B. M., Orangeburg.
Fortner, A. M., Mayfield.
Forrester, E. J., Greenwood.
Fort, G. S., Mottbridge.
Foster, W. H., Cherokee.
Foster, J. E., Dacusville.
Fowler, H., Reno.
Fralix, A. E., Reevesville.
Freeman, D. C., Jr., Yorkville.
Freeman, J. L., Chick Springs.
Fuller, G. F., Fort Madison.
Funderburk, B. S., Dwight.

Galphin, R. P., St. Matthews.
Cardner, C. S., Greenville.
Garrett, B. F., Gray Court.
Garrett, T. H., Starr.
Garrett, J. S. J., Shell.
Gatch, F. D., Walterboro.
Getsinger, J. J., Greenville.
Giadinghagin, Wm., Mercer.
Gilbert, R. H., Louisville, Ky.
Gleaton, W. H., Silver Springs.
Goodwin, G. A., Senn.
Gordon, M. W., Fort Lawn.
Gore, D. N., Loris.
Gough, John O., Manning.
Grainger, H. D., Bayboro.
Graves, E. H., Advance.
Graves, E. S., Piedmont.
Gresham, G. T., Tindal.
Gwaltney, L. R., Edgefield.
Gwyn, J. T., Spartanburg.

Haddock, H. C.
Hair, Joseph, Blackville.
Hall, Evans, Samaria.
Hall, Lemuel, Samaria.
Hammett, W. D., Hillsville.
Hammond, John, Oak Villa.
Hargett, B. F., Chesterfield.
Harrelson, H.
Harrelson, J. D., Centenary.
Harrelson, G. W., Petersfield.
Harrison, T. H., Cartersville.
Hartin, W. H., Ridgeway.
Hartsel, E. A., Fort Mill.
Hartzog, H. S., Johnston.
Hartwell, J. B., Chefoo, China.
Hatcher, D. L., Pendleton.
Hawkins, W. B., Anderson.
Hays, B., Anderson.
Hays, D. N., Seneca.
Hayes, W. L., Marion.
Haynsworth, Wm., Denmark.
Herron, J. B., Varennes.
Hemrick, N. A., Norway.
Heatherly, J. A., Belleveu.
Herlong, B. C., St. Matthews.
Herlong, J. M., St. Matthews.
Herring, J. E., Fort Mill.
Hicks, E. M., Mottbridge.
Hicks, W. E., Lyra.
Hickson, F. C., Yorkville.
Hiers, J. T., Round.
Hill, B. B., Pelzer.
Hinton, L. C., Lewis.
Hiott, J. R., Delmar.
Hiott, W. R., Round.
Hitt, H. F., Ninety-Six.
Hitt, M. W., Oakwood.
Horde, J. T., Martinsville.
Hoffman, J. A., Blackville.

Hoffman, J. L., Hickory Grove.
Holland, W. P., Dock.
Holmes, H. H., Adrian.
Holder, B., Pickens.
Holley, J. B., Louisville, Ky.
Hooker, J. L. G., Knotts' Mill.
Hopper, P. G., Blacksburg.
Horton, W. D., Graniteville.
Horton, W. R., Berry.
Hudson, Thomas, Mayfield.
Huggins, J. D., Williston.
Humphries, W. E. G., Kelton.
Humphrey, W. A., Centenary.
Hursey, J. A., Dillon.
Hutson, James, Walhalla.

Isenhower, J. P., Winnsboro.

Jamison, A. T., Camden.
Johnson, J. E., Silver Street.
Johnson, Wm. B., Middle Saluda.
Johnson, W. E., Abbeville.
Jones, C. A., Mullins.
Jones, G. H., Gideon.
Jones, M. L., Field.
Jones, F., Ellenton.
Jones, W. H., Witt's Mill.
Jones, A. T., Swains.
Jones, J. E., Longtown.
Joplin, D., White Plains.
Jordan, J. S., Phœnix.
Joyner, W. H., New Brookland.

Kelley, G. W., Lewiedale.
Kenney, J. W., New Zion.
Key, D. W., Greenville.
Kinard, G. D., Tuten.
Kirton, J. M., Alvin.
Kneece, W. H., Aiken.
Knight, G. L., Graniteville.
Kreps, John V., Ropers.

Lake, John, Batesburg.
Landrum, M. M., Fingerville.
Lane, W. J., Marion.
Lane, James, Latta.
Lanford, L. M., Spartanburg.
Langston, W. J., Pacolet.
Leathers, W. W., Tugaloo.
League, T. J., Chinkiang, China.
Lee, J. K., Pacolet.
Lewis, J. T., Pickens.
Lide, R. W., Darlington.
Lide, T. P., Barnwell.
Limmer, H. S., Robbins.
Lindsay, W. C., Columbia.
Little, W. F., Mt. Groghan.
Littlejohn, D., Salem.
Littlejohn, J. T., Lanford.
Long, J. R., Longsville.
Looper, T., Farr's.
Lyons, Samuel, Strawberry.

Mahon, J. D., Newberry.
Manly, Charles, Greenville.
Maret, A. P., Fair Play.
Marsh, J. B., Piedmont.
Martin, Jos. A., Princeton.
Martin, J. O., Simpson.
Martin, Jas. A., Ora.
Martin, O. L., Anderson.
Martin, Joel L., Columbia.
Masters, V. I., Anderson.
Mauldin, W. G., Central.
Mayfield, B. R., Piedmont.
McCall, W. C., Orangeburg.
McCaskill, W. S., Conway.
McClanahan, F. R., Rice's.
McCrackan, W. A., Langley.
McDaniel, J. M., Mullins.
McDowell, E. A., Strother.
McGee, M., Honea Path.
McGuffin, A. W., Westminster.
McGuire, J. M., Tugaloo.
McKnight, W. B., Effingham.
McLemore, H. W., Barnwell.
McLemore, J. S., Greenville.
McManaway, J. E., Lowrysville.
McMillan, J. F., Graniteville.
McMillan, W. D., Blackville.
McMillan, W. R., Fork Shoals.
McNab, James A., Conyers.
Mealing, J. P., Augusta, Ga.
Mellichamp, T. W., Ridgeway.
Mitchell, B. P., Crayton.
Miles, E. A., Brownsville.
Miligan, Prosper. Hickman.
Montgomery, D. P., Spartanburg.
Moody, J. H., Dillon.
Moore, G. B., Greenville.
Moore, Wm. H., Due West.
Moorer, W. D., Kingstree.
Morgan, J. T., Moseley.
Morrall, J. F., Allendale.
Morrison, J. T., Peeples.
Mosely, W. H., Aiken.
Mosely, A. W., Aiken.
Moseley, H. R., Rock Hill.
Moss, W. E., King Creek.
Mullinax, E. J., Riverview.
Murphree, David B., Eastatoe.
Murphree, B. F., Mile Creek.
Myers, J. J., Providence.

Nelson, T. F., Liberty.
Nelson, R. W., Townville.
Norris, A. P., Columbia.
Norris, J. M., Batesburg.

Oliver, H. F., Lake City.
Owens, T. M., Bucksville.
Osborne, P. J. M., Lanford.
Osborn, A. C , Columbia.
Osment, J. R., Pacolet.
Owens, J. H., White Pond.
Ouzts, J. L., Inman.

Padgett, M. D., Mt. Willing.
Parrott, J. B., Clinton.
Peacock, J. D., Windsor.
Pearcy, J. H., Batesburg.
Peele, R. E., Una.
Peeples, E. W., Varnville.
Pellum, J. E., Walterboro.
Perry, J. W., Hartsville.
Peterson, C. D., Antioch.
Pinson, W. M., Level Land.
Pittman, A. McA., Elloree.
Pitts, J. D., Laurens.
Posey, T. H., Greenville.
Powell, L. L., Alexander.
Powers, J. J., Cades.
Pratt, R. N., Greenville.
Preacher, J. F., Fairfax.
Prewette, Alex., Arden.

Ramsey, D. M., Charleston.
Rankin, M. W., Longshore.
Read, R. W., Eastatoe.
Reeves, E. S., Mullins.
Reeves, C. B., Allendale.
Rhoden, J. C., Newberry.
Rice, W. D., Denmark.
Rice, L. M., Union.
Rice, R. W., Mile Creek.
Richards, Wm. L., Greenville.
Riddle, S. J., Ballentine.
Riggs, T. L., Annieville.
Riley, M. M., Greenville.
Rivers, T. F., Knotts' Mill.
Robinson, E. M., Pt. Harrelson.
Robertson, B. P., Gaffney.
Rodgers, H. W., Perry.
Roe, A. B., Nichols.
Rogers, G. M., Guyton.
Rogers, J E., Reidville.
Rooke, T. J., Bostick.
Roten, D. L., Merritt's Bridge.
Runion, G. E., Marydell.
Russell, S. T., Bloomingvale.
Russ, J. T., Eddy.

Samples, M. F., Pelham.
Sanders, J. M., Walhalla.
Sanders, R. W., Greenville.
Sandifer, T. J., Bamberg.
Sanford, J. H., Knotts' Mill.
Satterwhite, F. M., Blenheim.
Sawyer, S. B., Norway.
Scaife, C. T., Woodruff.
Scott, W. P., Lake City.
Scruggs, T. W., Bishopville.
Seaborn, W. C., Praters.
Seago, P. E., Vaucluse.
Sharp, J. B., Macedonia.
Sheriff, G. W., Easley.
Shinn, J. L., Clifton.
Shuman, M. H., Stafford.
Simmons, G. M., Field.
Simmons, I. M., Crayton.
Simpson, W. H., Butler.
Singleton, W. B., Easley.
Singleton, J. F., Louisville, Ky.
Singleton, J. T., Marietta.
Skipper, J. B., Sanford.
Sloan, S. G., Cheohee.
Small, Allen, Flint Ridge.
Smith, J. R., Columbia.
Smith, M. E., Riverview.
Smith, D. B., Ruby.
Smith, J. T., Lynchburg.
Smith, W. P., Spartanburg.
Snider, W. J., Elloree.
Spearman, D. I., Pelzer.
Springfield, R. M., Marietta.
Stanley, G. F., Loris.
Stanley, J. H., Loris.
Stewart, J. I., Highland.
Stewart, J. M., Pickens.
Stiles, C. A., Hopkins.
Stone, J. H., Seneca.
Stoudenmire, J. H., Bowman.
Stough, A. L., Pineville, N. C.
Sublett, R. A., Summerton.
Sullivan, J. H., Cleveland.
Swindler, D. A., Mountville.
Swindler, L. C., Mountville.

Tate, W. T., Pelzer.
Talley, D. B., Freeman.
Tannery, J. W., Piedmont.
Tart, W. L., Toddville.
Teal, C. M., Hicksville.
Tuten, J. A., Ravenel's.
Thayer, W. E., Ridge Spring.
Thomas, A. J. S., Greenville.
Thomson, S. H., Powellville.
Tinsley, Wm., Locust.
Todd, J. W., Daisy.
Trowell, Jonas, Ridgeland.
Truluck, B. G., Tigerville.
Tumblestone, W. M., Summerville.
Turner, Counsel, Aiken.
Turner, W. P., Piedmont.
Turner, R. M. G., Martinsville.
Turner, F. L., Tyger.
Turner, J. M., Millert.
Tyler, H. K., Langley.

Underwood, J. B., Willie.

Vass, J. L., Greenwood.
Vaughan, L., Greer's.
Vermillion, P. J., Simpsonville.
Vaughan, C. C., Santuc.
Vaughan, R. B., Greer's.

Waites, A. R., Johnston.
Walker, J. W., Gaffney.
Waters, W. H., Woodruff.
Watson, E. C., Evinsville.
Watson, S. N., Lancaster.
Weaver, J. M., Lake City.
Weldon, L. T., Liberty.
Weeks, J. M., St. George's.
Welchel, J. P., Bowlingsville.
Wells, Edmund, Charleston.
West, Asa, Socastee.
Whilden, R. F., O'Neal.
Whilden, B. W., Williston.
White, W. H., Clifton.
White, G. P., Johnston.
White, W. M., Cowpens.
Whitmire, A. S., Table Mountain.
Wilkins, A. C., Greenville.
Willeford, A. S., Sumter.
Williams, John, Oakvilla.
Williams, J. G., Allendale.
Williams, R. J., Greenville.
Williams, R. S., Salkehatchie.
Willoughby, M. J., Columbia.
Willis, W. W., Ebenezer.
Wilson, Wm., Graniteville.
Wilson, W. T., Tigerville.
Wingo, I. W., Campobello.
Wolfe, W. P. D., Spartanburg.
Woodward, B. J., Switzer.
Wright, G. A., Newberry.
Wright, N. G., Crayton.

Yarborough, J. H., Blackstock.
Yates, S. D., Antioch.

Total—523.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

TENTH YEAR.

On account of the general storm and the consequent delay in the arrival of the preachers, the Conference failed to meet until Wednesday morning, December 2d, at 11 o'clock.

The Conference was called to order in the Citadel Square church, Charleston, and was organized by the election of J. B. Parrott, President, and J. A. Brown, Secretary. The Conference was led in prayer by I. W. Wingo.

Because of the loss of Tuesday evening's session, there was not time for the sermon of Rufus Ford, and some of the papers called for by the program were not forthcoming.

1. A paper was read by J. W. Perry on "The Fatherhood of God."

2. A paper was presented by C. P. Ervin : Subject, "Is the Policy Pursued by the State, of Giving Free Tuition in her institutions of Higher Learning, just to all classes of her citizens ?"

The discussion of the question was continued by C. C. Brown, L. Cuthbert, R. B. Watson, C. S. Gardner, F. C. Hickson, W. T. Derieux, M. M. Riley, I. W. Wingo, C. T. Scaife and F. W. Boatwright.

The morning session adjourned at 1.30 P. M. to meet again at 4 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was opened with prayer by M. M. Riley.

3. A paper on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit" was read by H. C. Bucholz.

The following Committee on Program, to prepare for next meeting, was appointed : D. W. Key, H. R. Moseley, J. D. Huggins, G. A. Wright and C. P. Ervin.

On motion, it was requested that all the papers be published, if practicable.

After prayer by B. J. Woodward, the Conference adjourned to meet next year.

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